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## **Town of Halfmoon to sponsor free Narcan training and distribution**

HALFMOON, N.Y. — The Town of Halfmoon recently announced it will sponsor a free Narcan training and distribution event on Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.

The Saratoga County Department of Health is holding the training and the Town of Halfmoon is sponsoring the event, in conjunction with the Town of Clifton Park.

Narcan, also known as naloxone, is a safe medication that can reverse an opioid overdose and save an individual's life. Narcan only works on opioids, such as heroin, prescription pain medications, and fentanyl, but it is safe to use even if opioids are not present. With proper training, anyone can learn how to effectively use Narcan and carry it with them in case of an emergency.

During the training on Aug. 15, participants will learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer nasal Narcan, which takes roughly 10 minutes. People will receive a free Narcan rescue kit that includes two doses of Narcan, a rescue breathing face shield, a certificate of training, a drug disposal system, and a mental health and substance use disorder resource guide.

“Narcan is a vital tool in our fight against the opioid epidemic that has claimed too many lives. We are proud to partner with Saratoga County, Clifton Park, and the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library to offer this opportunity for our residents to learn how to save a life with Narcan,” Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen said in a news release.

Residents unable to attend the Aug. 15 training event can request a Narcan kit online at [www.saratogacountyny.gov/narcan](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/narcan) or by calling the Saratoga County Department of Health at (518) 584-7460.

For more information about the Narcan training event on Aug. 15, contact the Town of Halfmoon Supervisor's Office at (518) 371-7410, ext. 2200.

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