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SARATOGA COUNTY TO HOLD FREE NARCAN TRAINING & DISTRIBUTION ON NATIONAL OPIOID AWARENESS DAY

BALLSTON SPA, NY – In recognition of National Opioid Awareness Day, Saratoga County will hold a free Narcan training and distribution event on **Thursday, September 21, 2023**. This distribution event is in partnership with the Saratoga County Department of Health, the Saratoga County Department of Social Services, and the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office.

Narcan training will be available at the following locations:

Saratoga County Department of Social Services, 152 W. High St. Ballston Spa, NY 12020 from **9AM-12:30 PM**

Saratoga County Department of Health, 6012 County Farm Rd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020 from **2PM-4PM**

Participants will learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer nasal Narcan, which takes approximately 10 minutes. Participants will receive a free Narcan rescue kit, which includes two doses of Narcan, a rescue breathing face shield, a certificate of training completion, a drug disposal system, and a mental health and substance use disorder resource guide.

Naloxone, sold under the brand name Narcan, is a safe medication that can save someone's life by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. It only works on opioids, such as heroin, prescription pain medications and fentanyl, but it is safe to use even if opioids are not present. 911 should always be called after administering Naloxone. New York State's Good Samaritan Law allows people to call 911 without fear of arrest if they are having a drug overdose that requires emergency medical care or if they witness someone overdosing.

Residents who are unable to attend the distribution can request an overdose rescue kit at www.saratogacountyny.gov/narcan.

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