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SARATOGA COUNTY TO HOLD COMMUNITY NARCAN TRAINING PRESENTATION

GALWAY, NY – Saratoga County will hold a free, 60-minute Narcan training presentation and distribution event on **Thursday, November 30th, from 6PM-7PM at Galway Public Library** (2112 East St, Galway, NY 12074). This event is in partnership with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Saratoga County Department of Health, Saratoga County Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Galway Public Library.

Registration is required for this event. To register, please call the Galway Public Library at 518-882-6385.

The 60-minute Narcan training presentation will provide participants with an in-depth look at what opioids are and data that demonstrates how the opioid epidemic is affecting Saratoga County. Participants will learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer nasal Narcan. Participants also will receive a free Narcan rescue kit, which 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.

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 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 training event can request an overdose rescue kit and view upcoming training events at www.saratogacountyny.gov/narcan.

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