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SARATOGA COUNTY TO HOLD FREE NARCAN TRAINING & DISTRIBUTION IN BALLSTON SPA MONDAY

BALLSTON SPA, NY – Saratoga County will hold a free Narcan training and distribution event on **Monday, May 13, from 12pm to 3pm at the VFW Post 358** in the Village of Ballston Spa (68 E North Street, NY 12020). This distribution event is in partnership with the Saratoga County Department of Health, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Town of Milton, the Village of Ballston Spa, and VFW Post 358.

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, 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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