TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Hans D. Rhynhart

RE: Policy on Availability and Use of Opioid Antagonists

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the attached policy on Availability and Use of Opioid Antagonists, effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND:

Section 7 of Public Act 19-91, effective July 1, 2019, requires every institution of public education in the state to adopt a policy concerning the availability and use of opioid antagonists on each of its campuses.

The policy is required to include certain specified information, including:

- Designation of a medical professional or public safety professional to oversee the purchase, storage and distribution of opioid antagonists on each campus;
- The location(s) on each campus where the opioid antagonists are stored;
- A mechanism for informing the students and employees of the such institution about the locations of the opioid antagonists;
- Information about the required maintenance of the supply of the opioid antagonists in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines including;
- A requirement that a representative of the institution call 911 or notify a local emergency medical services provider prior to, during or as soon as practicable after each use of an opioid antagonist on the institution's campus.

UConn has designated William Perez, Fire Chief and Associate Director of Public Safety, to oversee the requirements of the policy. The Department of Consumer Protection has reviewed and approved UConn’s proposed policy and implementing procedures.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the attached policy on the Availability and Use of Opioid Antagonists, effective upon approval.
Per the Naloxone at Institutions of Higher Education (Public Act 19-191 Section 7) statute, your policy has met all requirements and is approved for campus’s in Storrs, Waterbury, Stamford, Hartford, School of Law, Avery Point and UCONN Student Health and Wellness Medical are and UCONN Health. Please be sure to post your policy on the institutions internet website by January 1, 2020 as required by the statute.

Your approval does not expire at this time; however it is your responsibility to keep the Department updated with any change of policy at your institution.

Should you have any questions, please contact Drug Control at (860)713-6065 or via email at dcp.drugcontrol@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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DRUG CONTROL DIVISION

Naloxone at Institutions of Higher Education (Public Act 19-191 Section 7)

Institution Name: University of Connecticut
Institution Address: 126 North Eagleville Road
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Designated Professional Name: Dr. William Perez
Designated Professional Type: Public Safety Professional

☑ Does the policy contain the following information as required in the statute?

☑ Designated a medical professional or public safety professional to oversee the purchase, storage and distribution of opioid antagonists on each of its campuses

☑ The location or locations on each of its campuses where the opioid antagonists are stored

☑ A mechanism for disseminating the location(s) that are accessible to students and employees of such institution

☑ Information about the required maintenance of the supply of opioid antagonists in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines including:
  - Inspect for expired product
  - Replacement of product
  - Storage

☑ Require a representative of the institution to call 911 or notify a local emergency medical services provider prior to, during or as soon as practicable after each use of an opioid antagonist on the institution’s campus

Sec. 7. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) (a) Not later than January 1, 2020, the president of each institution of higher education in the state shall (1) develop and implement a policy consistent with subsection (b) of this section concerning the availability and use of opioid antagonists, as defined in section 17a-714 of the general statutes, by students and employees of the institution, (2) submit such policy to the Department of Consumer Protection for approval, and (3) upon approval of the department, post such policy on the institution’s Internet web site.

(b) The policy of each institution of higher education concerning the availability and use of opioid antagonists shall (1) designate a medical professional or public safety professional to oversee the purchase, storage and distribution of opioid antagonists on each of its campuses, (2) identify the location or locations on each of its campuses where the opioid antagonists are stored, which location or locations shall be made known and accessible to students and employees of such institution, (3) require maintenance of the supply of opioid antagonists in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines, and (4) require a representative of the institution to call 911 or notify a local emergency medical services provider prior to, during or as soon as practicable after each use of an opioid antagonist on the institution’s campus that is reported to the institution or observed by a medical professional or public safety professional, unless the person to whom the opioid antagonist was administered has already received medical treatment for his or her opioid-related drug overdose.
### Title
Availability and Use of Opioid Antagonists

### Policy Owner
Division of Public Safety

### Applies to
Faculty, Staff and Students

### Campus Applicability
All campuses, including UConn Health

### Effective Date
TBD

### For More Information Contact
Division of Public Safety

### Contact Information
UConn Fire Department  
860-486-4925

### Official Website
https://publicsafety.uconn.edu/

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**REASON FOR POLICY**

Connecticut state law requires all institutions of higher education in the state of Connecticut to develop and implement a policy concerning the availability and use of opioid antagonists by students and employees of the institution.

**APPLIES TO**

All faculty, staff, and students at the University of Connecticut and all regional campuses, including UConn Health ("UConn").

**DEFINITIONS**

**Opioid Antagonist:** As used in this policy, and consistent with state law, "opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly acting and equally safe drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of drug overdose.
POLICY STATEMENT

UConn is committed to maintaining a safe and substance-free environment on all of its campuses. All uniformed police and fire personnel on UConn’s campuses carry and are trained to administer opioid antagonists. In addition, clinical staff in Student Health and Wellness-Medical Services, located on the Storrs campus, store and are trained to administer opioid antagonists. Opioid antagonists are available and accessible to students and employees on all of UConn’s campuses as noted below. When an opioid antagonist is administered on any of UConn’s campuses, notification to law enforcement or a local emergency medical provider must be made by a UConn representative. Such notification is satisfied if the opioid antagonist is administered by police, fire or other medical personnel. In all other cases, notification should be made by calling 911 prior to, during or as soon as practical after each use. It is recommended that any individual administered an opioid antagonist be transported to an emergency department for further evaluation.

The Chief of the UConn Fire Department, or his designee(s), has been designated to oversee the purchase, storage and distribution of opioid antagonists on each of UConn’s campuses and in observance with these procedures. The supply of opioid antagonists is maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s guidelines. Faculty, staff and students may access opioid antagonists by calling 911.

Opioid antagonists are accessible to students and employees in the following locations:

**Storrs Campus**
Public Safety Headquarters
126 North Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06269
Phone Number: 860-486-4800

Waterbury Campus
Police Department
99 East Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

**Stamford Campus**
Police Department
1 University Place
Stamford, CT 06901

**Hartford Campus**
Police Department
10 Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06103

**School of Law**
Police Department
39 Elizabeth Street
Hartford, CT 06103
To ensure that the UConn community is aware of the availability and location of opioid antagonists on campus, this policy shall be sent via the University’s Daily Digest to all faculty, staff and students prior to the start of each academic semester, and posted on the websites of the Division of Public Safety, Department of Human Resources and Student Health and Wellness.

PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY AND PROSECUTION

State law provides substantial protections from civil and criminal liability for individuals acting in good faith to assist persons experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Individuals “may, if acting with reasonable care, administer an opioid antagonist to such other person. [Such] person . . . shall not be liable for damages in a civil action or subject to criminal prosecution with respect to the administration of such opioid antagonist.” See Connecticut General Statutes § 17a-714a.

In addition, state law prohibits the prosecution of any person who seeks or receives medical assistance in “good faith” when sought for someone else based on a reasonable belief that the person needs medical attention; when a person seeks medical attention based on a reasonable belief that he or she is experiencing an overdose, and when another person reasonably believes that he or she needs medical attention. “Good faith” does not include seeking medical assistance while law enforcement officers are executing an arrest or search warrant or conducting a lawful search. See Connecticut General Statutes 21a-279, 21a-267.

Related Information:


Department of Human Resources: [https://hr.uconn.edu/opioid-epidemic/](https://hr.uconn.edu/opioid-epidemic/)
PROcedures

1. Administration of an Opiate Antagonist

   University of Connecticut uniformed firefighters and police officers and clinical staff at Student Health and Wellness (Shaw) Medical Services will administer an opiate antagonist per the current Connecticut Statewide EMS Protocols approved and disseminated by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH).

2. Licensing and Certification

   A. All uniformed firefighters and police officers are licensed or certified at the Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician, or Emergency Medical Responder levels, and are trained in the use of intravenous, intermuscular, or intranasal administration of an opiate antagonist.

   B. All clinical staff at ShaW Medical Services have the license of RN, APRN, or MD and are trained in the use of intravenous, intermuscular, or intranasal administration of an opiate antagonist.

   C. Re-training and recertification is required per CT DPH guidelines.

3. Issuance of Opiate Antagonist

   A. All uniformed firefighters and police officers are issued opiate antagonists that are carried while on duty.

   B. Opiate antagonists are stored in designated clinical areas at the Hilda May Building, 234 Glenbrook Road, Storrs, CT.

   C. The Fire Chief, or designee(s), will track and disseminate opiate antagonist to all fire and police department personnel and the Hilda May Building, 234 Glenbrook Road, Storrs for appropriate use.

   D. Additional opiate antagonist is available through the University of Connecticut Fire Department (UCFD) for personnel.

4. Storage

   A. All uniformed Firefighters and police officers shall be required to maintain opiate antagonist on their person or in EMS kits at all times.

      1. In accordance with manufacturer's instruction, the opiate antagonist (e.g., intranasal or injectable naloxone) must be kept out of direct light, and stored at room temperature (between 59 and 86 degrees Fahrenheit).

      2. Opiate antagonist should not be left in a vehicle for extended periods and should not be subjected to extreme temperatures, since it will freeze, and it may affect the effectiveness of the medication.
3. In addition to opiate antagonist being stored at UCFD, additional opiate antagonist will be stored at the University of Connecticut Student Health and Wellness – Medical Services.

5. REPLACEMENT

A. Replacement opiate antagonist shall be stored at the UCFD and disseminated by the Fire Chief or their designee, and replaced as needed.
   1. In the event that an opiate antagonist is expired or used, the firefighter or police officer shall notify their appropriate supervisor for immediate replacement.
   2. Additional replacement opiate antagonist can be obtained from the UCFD.
   3. The purchase of all opiate antagonist will be through the UCFD.

B. Opiate antagonist that are lost, damaged, or exposed to extreme temperatures, shall be reported to the appropriate supervisor.