

August 31, 2017

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-in Clinics, Hospitals – Emergency, Pharmacists, EMS Services, Community Services

RE: EXPANSION OF NALOXONE KIT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Naloxone kits are now available through Health Unit offices in Port Hope (200 Rose Glen Road) and Lindsay (108 Angeline Street South), with trained public health staff being available to show people how to use the Naloxone kits in an overdose emergency. People who use opioids, as well as their family and friends, can also call the Health Unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 2265 to access the Naloxone kits.

Naloxone is an emergency medicine that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose until the victim can get to hospital for treatment.

PARN-Your Community AIDS Resource Network, Carea Community Health Centre and the Hepatitis C Team continue to be the lead local agencies for Naloxone kit distribution in Haliburton County and outreach distribution for Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. People seeking the kits can call PARN toll-free at 1-800-361-2895 and/or Carea CHC at 1-855-808-6242.

Free kits are also available to people who use opioids, as well as their family and friends, at participating pharmacies in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. To find exact locations for free Naloxone kits, visit the Ontario government website (www.ontario.ca/page/where-get-free-naloxone-kit).

To find out more information about the Naloxone Kit Distribution Program, you can contact:

- PARN at 1-800-361-2895
- The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit at **1-866-888-4577, ext. 2265**

NOTE: For easier access to the above web links, visit the Health Unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca) for electronic copies of all current – and previous – editions of *FAX Facts*. Go to the 'Resources & Forms' header at the top of the web page, and use the drop-down menu to click on the 'Health Care Professionals' section (a link to FAX Facts is posted there). A direct link is also provided below: www.hkpr.on.ca/ResourcesForms/HealthCareProfessionals/FAXFacts.aspx

Haliburton
705-457-1391

Lindsay
705-324-3569

Port Hope
905-885-9100

After Hours
1-888-255-7839