

Affordable Naloxone for California

Naloxone (naloxone hydrochloride) nasal spray is a life-saving medication designed to rapidly reverse the effects of a life-threatening opioid emergency by blocking the effects of opioids. It can restore normal breathing within two to three minutes in a person whose breath has slowed, or even stopped, because of an overdose from opioids. It is now available as an over-the-counter (OTC) medication and does not need a prescription for use. More information about how naloxone works, including instructional videos on how to use it, can be found on the [Centers for Disease Control's website](#).

Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP)

Qualifying organizations in California can get OTC naloxone nasal spray and intramuscular naloxone for **free** through the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) Naloxone Distribution Project. More information and the link to submit an application can be found on the [Naloxone Distribution Project's website](#).

[Eligible NDP Entities](#)

- First responders, fire, & EMS
- Law enforcement, courts, & criminal justice partners
- Community organizations (including libraries, harm reduction, homelessness services, veteran, & religious organizations)
- Schools and universities
- County public health & behavioral health agencies
- Local city agencies
- Tribal entities
- Substance use recovery facilities
- Hospitals and emergency departments
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Community clinics



CalRx \$23 Naloxone

The CalRx program, in collaboration with Amneal Pharmaceuticals, offers OTC naloxone nasal spray for all California individuals, businesses, and government organizations at **\$23 per twin-pack**. For purchase details and requirements, please visit the [CalRx website](#).

Additional Resources and Information

California launched a new, comprehensive opioid response website that provides a single resource for prevention, data, treatment and support information. All these initiatives are part of Governor Newsom's multi-pronged approach to connect Californians with information to prevent and reduce overdoses and deaths and support those struggling with substance use and addiction. Please visit [opioids.ca.gov](#) to learn more and help us spread awareness and save lives. Together we can make a difference in combating this crisis.

