

## HB 2112: OPIOID EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

In 2024, the state Legislature approved [HB 2112](#) to help prevent opioid overdoses in Washington state. Among other things, the legislation requires colleges and universities to make free naloxone and fentanyl test strips available to students. This document answers common questions about HB 2112.

### What Are the Requirements of HB 2112?

Approved by the Legislature in 2024, [HB 2112](#) requires higher education institutions to:

- Provide opioid and fentanyl prevention education and awareness information to all students, including information on Washington's [Good Samaritan law](#). The education may be delivered in-person or electronically.
  - Education must be posted on each institution's public website for students, parents, and legal guardians to access.
- Make fentanyl test strips and naloxone available in locations that are accessible to students, such as wellness centers, student union buildings, and student housing.
- Train staff working in residence halls how to administer naloxone.

### Was Funding Provided to Implement HB 2112?

[The Legislature appropriated \\$412,000 to SBCTC](#) in the 2024 supplemental operating budget for fiscal year 2025. The appropriation was divided evenly between all 34 colleges, so each college received \$12,117 in August 2024.

### Will Funding Continue Past Fiscal Year 2025?

SBCTC anticipates ongoing appropriations at some level, but it all depends on what the Legislature decides when it passes the 2025-27 operating budget next session.

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## How Much Do Naloxone and Fentanyl Test Strips Cost?

NARCAN®, a brand name of the nasal naloxone spray, is currently offered through the manufacturer at a public interest price of \$33 per kit. Pricing for generic nasal naloxone products varies by product and vendor. The cost for fentanyl test strips ranges from about 75 cents to \$1 each. These prices were current at the time this document was produced.

## Are Naloxone and Test Strips Available through the Washington State Department of Health?

Colleges may apply for supplies through two Department of Health programs. Not all requests will be approved due to limited funding and/or distribution criteria.

### Washington State Department of Health naloxone and fentanyl test strips for higher education institutions

[The Department of Health \(DOH\) was provided \\$400,000](#) for fiscal year 2025 to purchase naloxone and fentanyl test strips for public institutions of higher education for distribution to students. As the funding will not be sufficient to provide these supplies to all institutions, DOH will review requests and consider all applications based upon demand and an equitable framework. As DOH anticipates being unable to fund all requests, campuses are encouraged to identify other funding sources to support the purchasing of supplies for their campus communities.

The request form is available online at <https://forms.office.com/g/J2zqEBZnCQ>. **The priority deadline to submit requests is August 30, 2024.** For more information, email [naloxoneprogram@doh.wa.gov](mailto:naloxoneprogram@doh.wa.gov).

### Washington State Department of Health Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution program

The [Department of Health's Health Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution \(OEND\) program](#) is an ongoing program meant for organizations that distribute naloxone to community members, including students. [Applications](#) are fielded on an ongoing basis from organizations such as health departments, substance use treatment programs, behavioral health agencies, and higher education institutions. The program cannot provide naloxone kits for college staff to administer as part of overdose response, nor does it provide fentanyl test strips. For more information, email [naloxoneprogram@dohwa.gov](mailto:naloxoneprogram@dohwa.gov).

## Where Can Colleges Acquire Naloxone and Fentanyl Test Strips?

### Naloxone

- Colleges and universities can request NARCAN® (one formulation of nasal naloxone) from the [Narcan Community Donation Program](#) run by Direct Relief and Emergent Biosolutions.

- In addition, there are nasal naloxone products available for purchase over the counter at many retail pharmacies (e.g., Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid). For more information about over-the-counter naloxone, please visit [Over the Counter Naloxone FAQ](#).
- To purchase NARCAN® directly from the manufacturer, visit [NARCANDirect.com](#). Colleges may qualify to purchase NARCAN® Nasal Spray directly from Emergent Devices at the public interest price (currently \$33/two-dose kit).
- Organizations may also be able to purchase NARCAN® and several equivalent generic nasal naloxone products from medical distributors, such as [Cardinal Health](#) and [McKesson](#).
- Some colleges and universities may be eligible to use statewide contracts to purchase naloxone. For more information, visit the Department of Enterprise Services' website: [How to Use Statewide Contracts](#).

## Fentanyl text strips

- While there are several products on the market, one commonly used brand of fentanyl test strip is made by [BTNX](#). [WiseBatch](#), [DanceSafe](#) and [CVS online](#) also sell test strips.

Colleges should consider reaching out to their local public health departments to see if they can supply resources or referrals. For example, Public Health-Seattle & King County has supplied a few colleges with test strips and naloxone for free. [A request form is available online](#).

## Does HB 2112 Require a Specific Type of Dispenser?

No, [HB 2112](#) does not mandate that colleges use a certain type of dispenser.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) received a limited amount of funding to help colleges acquire vending machines. Priority will be given to institutions that did not receive vending machines or dispensers under the 2024 emergency contraception grants.

WSAC will hold an informational webinar on the grant application process on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. ([Zoom link](#)). A recording of the webinar will be available by September 5 on WSAC's [Student Supports webpage](#). The grant itself will open September 9, 2024 at 1 p.m., also on WSAC's [Student Supports webpage](#).

For more information, email Ami Magisos, [amim@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:amim@wsac.wa.gov).

## How can students who access the dispensers learn how to use the products?

The naloxone boxes will come with clear instructions. Colleges should also consider hanging posters or flyers near dispensers.

## Naloxone

- [Naloxone posters](#) — which include a reference to Washington's Good Samaritan law — are available from Washington Friends for Life, created by the Washington Health Care Authority.
- [Naloxone brochures](#) are available from the Washington State Department of Health.

- Naloxone videos — Colleges might want to consider posting a QR code to the naloxone video demonstration on the [Washington Friends for Life web page](#) (scroll down) or the [Department of Health's video on vimeo](#).

## Fentanyl test strips

- [Fentanyl test strip posters and inserts](#) are available from the Washington State Department of Health.
- Fentanyl test strip videos — Colleges that acquire BTNX test strips might want to consider posting a QR code to the [BTNX instruction video](#).

## Good Samaritan law

Cards and posters about Washington's Good Samaritan law are available at [STOPOVERDOSE.org](#).

## Do Colleges Have Access to Education and Awareness Materials for Students?

[HB 2112](#) requires higher education institutions to provide opioid and fentanyl prevention education and awareness information to all students, including information on Washington's Good Samaritan law. The education may be delivered in-person or electronically. Additionally, the education materials must be posted on each institution's public website for students, parents, and legal guardians to access.

## Examples from other colleges

[Tacoma Community College](#) and [Shoreline Community College](#) have created public-facing web pages focused on opioid education and awareness.

## Free education and awareness resources for students

The Washington State Department of Health's OEND program provides free trainings on opioids, overdose recognition and response, and other issues related to the health of people who use drugs. Interested organizations (including colleges) can request a training by completing this [form](#).

Education and awareness resources are also available through [StopOverdose.org](#), a project of the Center for Community-Engaged Drug Education, Epidemiology, and Research and the University of Washington Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute (ADAI). Visit [StopOverdose.org](#) for:

- [Opioid overdose awareness and response videos](#) that you can add to your webpage. (See [Shoreline Community College](#) as an example.)
- ["What's up with fentanyl" flyers](#) in English and Spanish.
- [Good Samaritan" law cards and posters](#)

For colleges in King County, visit [Laced & Lethal](#). To order print materials, visit the [King County website](#).

The [CDC](#) also offers ["Facts About Fentanyl."](#)

## How do We Train Residence Hall Staff About Naloxone?

[HB 2112](#) requires that staff working in residence halls be trained in how to administer naloxone. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) will host a web-based training for campus staff and residence hall advisors on overdose prevention, recognition, and response, including how to administer naloxone and how to use fentanyl test strips. The virtual training will be conducted [September 18, 2024 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.](#)

The Department of Health plans to record the training and make it available on its website for people who are unable to join live. Colleges will then be able to use the videos whenever they need to train residence hall staff in the future. SBCTC will forward links to the recordings as soon as they are available. For more information, email [AcademicAffairs@doh.wa.gov](mailto:AcademicAffairs@doh.wa.gov).

The Department of Health's OEND program is able to offer train-the-trainer sessions on opioid overdose response for interested organizations, including colleges. To request a training, please complete this [form](#).