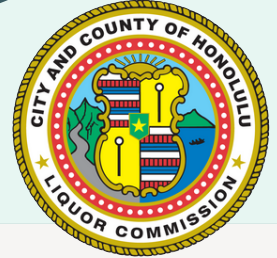


# NARCAN<sup>®</sup> / NALOXONE HCl

What You Need  
To Know

Promoting Public Health, Safety, and Welfare



**Bill 28 (2023), CD1 – Requires NARCAN<sup>®</sup>, the opioid-reversal medication, to be carried at on-premises liquor-licensed establishments of the following classes:**

Included Businesses:

- Class 2: Restaurant licenses;**
- Class 5: Dispenser licenses;**
- Class 9: Tour or cruise vessel licenses;**
- Class 11: Cabaret licenses;**
- Class 14: Brewpub licenses; and**
- Class 18: Small craft producer pub licenses.**

**Frequently asked questions:**

When?

Bill 28 will go into effect on January 1, 2024. The Liquor Commission will start giving FREE starter dose kits to all Included Businesses starting August 1, 2023, while supplies last. Included Businesses will only be offered starter kits. For more information, visit the Honolulu Liquor Commission website at <https://www.honolulu.gov/liq/>.

Where?

NARCAN<sup>®</sup> is now available over-the-counter. It can be bought online or in-person at any local pharmacy. Several non-profits, including the Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHRC), have been working to provide it free-of-charge to community members as well. NARCAN<sup>®</sup> kits currently costs \$30.94 for two doses (per kit) however the Hawai'i State Department of Health is providing Liquor Commission with free NARCAN<sup>®</sup>/Naloxone starter dose kits for Included Businesses.

Why?

Due to a prevalence of opioid-related deaths in Hawai'i, many businesses, especially bars and nightclubs, have reached out to local officials to take action. Bill 28 requires that certain liquor-licensed establishments maintain two doses of NARCAN<sup>®</sup> on site. This could help to reduce overdoses, protect businesses from liability, and address the opioid crisis.

Why are liquor-licensed establishments considered "high-risk"? Combining alcohol and opioids (prescribed or not) can increase the chance of impaired motor control, respiratory arrest, and fatal overdose. A patron, legitimately prescribed an opioid, may feel it is safe to drink alcohol. Combining the two could result in an overdose at your premises.

How?

Between 2018 and 2020, Hawai'i experienced an almost 500% increase in the number of fatal overdoses - and it is only getting worse. Honolulu's Emergency Services Department (EMS) has reported that they receive calls for opioid overdoses at least once a day.

## Are You A **BLUE** Card Holder?



Bill 28 requires that all blue card holders of Included Businesses (managers/assistant managers) be trained in the administration of NARCAN®. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with opioid use and the use of the NARCAN® kits, using any of the excellent on-line resources, to include:

- Hawaii Opioid Initiative website: <https://www.hawaiiopioid.org/prevent-overdose/>
- HHHRC Overdose Prevention website: <https://www.hhhrc.org/overdose>
- HHHRC training modules: [Online Naloxone Training Module \(ispring.com\)](#).
- Written instructions: [NARCAN\\_USPI\\_Aug2020\\_A1135.pdf](#)
- From the manufacturer: [Opioid Overdose Treatment - NARCAN® \(naloxone HCl\) Nasal Spray](#)

### NARCAN®/Naloxone Training



### HHHRC Website



### Hawaii Opioid Website



### Signs of an overdose:

- Face is pale and/or clammy
- Body is limp
- Fingernails or lips have a blue or purple cast
- Person cannot be awakened from sleep or cannot speak
- Breathing is very slow or stopped
- Heartbeat is very slow or stopped

### How to Respond to an Opioid Overdose:

- Step 1: Check for response
- Step 2: Call 911
- Step 3: Perform rescue breathing; and
- Step 4: Administer NARCAN®



### Other Info:

- It is legal to carry and administer in the State of Hawai'i. NARCAN® can be provided by HHHRC staff to any individual upon request. The NARCAN® program is free, confidential, and available to Hawai'i residents.
- NARCAN® is available in all 50 states. If you have been prescribed high-dose opioids, talk to your doctor about co-prescribing NARCAN®. However, in most states, you can get NARCAN® at your local pharmacy without a prescription.
- NARCAN® is used in people of all ages if opioid overdose happens or has possibly happened. NARCAN® is usually given by a caregiver or loved one if they think opioid overdose has occurred. NARCAN® treats opioid overdose by blocking certain receptors (attachment sites) in your body that opioids bind to.
- Anyone can and should administer this nasal spray if they suspect any type of overdose. If no opioids were involved, NARCAN® will not harm the person, it just won't have any effect.
- Any person who provides or administers naloxone pursuant to Bill 28 (2023) CD1 is subject to the protection from liability of [HRS §663-1.5\(a\)](#).