

Sampson County Health Department

Sampson County Health Department's mission is to preserve, protect and promote the health, environment and well-being of the citizens of Sampson County. Public health promotes positive behaviors and prevents illness and injury. Everyone has a responsibility to themselves, their family and neighbors to maintain good health, to prevent communicable and chronic diseases and prevent accidents.

We welcome you to your local health department—

TOGETHER

. . . we are creating healthy communities.

Opioid overdose has become a significant public health concern in recent years due to the abuse of both legal and illegal opioid drugs. Sampson County faces a deadly, and often overlooked, epidemic: unintentional drug overdose. Sampson County Health Department recognizes the cost that substance abuse, particularly opioid addiction, places on the individual, family members, friends and the community. The Health Department collaborates with other community partners, such as Sampson County Substance Abuse Coalition, to help prevent substance abuse, provide community education and provide services where possible to assist those with addiction to include opioid addiction.

The Health Department provides Naloxone Kits (nasal spray) to the public for the prevention of opioid overdoses. Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is a safe and effective medication to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Signs of an opioid overdose include: will not wake up or respond to your voice or touch; breathing is very slow, irregular or has stopped; center part of their eye is very small, sometimes called "pinpoint pupil." Naloxone Kits are given to: a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose; a family member; friend; or any other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose. Since 2017, the Health Department has provided over 40 Naloxone Kits to residents in Sampson County.

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