**Walsh County Sheriff’s Department & Corrections Facility**

**Policy:** Administration of Naloxone Nasal Spray 4mg

**Definitions:**

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Naloxone is also known as Narcan. Naloxone can be given by injection or as a nasal spray.

Opioids are a class of drugs that includes heroin and prescription pain relievers. Examples may include oxycodone, OxyContin, hydrocodone, Vicodin, morphine, fentanyl, and methadone. (Not a complete list is included here).

**Signs of an Opioid Overdose**

* Face is clammy to touch and has lost color, may be vomiting or gurgling noise
* Body is limp. Fingernails or lips have a blue or purple color
* Unresponsive, cannot be awakened.
* Breathing is slow or has stopped.
* Heartbeat is slow or has stopped.

**Equipment**

1. Personal Protective equipment: Gloves; possibly mask and gown depending on the scene.
2. Narcan nasal spray (Stored between 59 and 77 degrees F). Can be up to 104 F for a short time; but should not be used if it has been frozen. Protect from light.

**Training:** All staff will complete Narcan Training prior to administering any Narcan.

**Procedure:**

If there is no ambulance service present and you have Narcan available do the following:

1. Assure that ambulance has been called
2. Apply gloves and other personal protective equipment indicated
3. Shake person and shout “Are you ok?”
4. Open Narcan nasal spray package.
5. ***Spray entire contents of one nasal spray unit into one nostril***. (Insert unit into nasal cavity until your fingers touch the skin of the victim).
6. Place person in recovery position (On side and monitor respirations)
7. Monitor for need to re-administer a second dose of Narcan. (Person did not wake up; or they woke up but then became unresponsive again). Can give a second dose 2-3 minutes after first dose is given, if needed.
8. If needed, administer another dose of Narcan ***(Open new package and administer entire contents of one nasal spray unit into the other nostril).***
9. Report use of Narcan to the arriving ambulance service and provide empty containers to paramedics as requested.

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