

# Fighting the Opioid Epidemic

## Tools and Resources for Local Boards of Health

Office of Local and Regional Health | [www.mass.gov/dph/olrh](http://www.mass.gov/dph/olrh)



SEPT 2017

### Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline

 The Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline is a statewide, public resource for finding licensed and approved substance use treatment and recovery services. Spread the word to your community by sharing the number and website.  
**1-800-327-5050 | <https://helplinema.org>**

### Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse

 The Clearinghouse offers free informational materials on a wide range of topics related to substance misuse prevention and treatment. You can order these items in bulk and distribute to appropriate venues in your community.  
**[www.mass.gov/maclearinghouse](http://www.mass.gov/maclearinghouse)**

### Overdose Prevention Resources

 For information on opioid overdose prevention and response and information for municipalities and public agencies on how to purchase naloxone, please visit: **[www.mass.gov/narcan](http://www.mass.gov/narcan)**  
» **Order from the Clearinghouse**

### Current Statistics

 MDPH collects statistics to track the progression of the opioid crisis. This data, updated quarterly is used to target services for especially hard-hit communities. Stay up to date with the current numbers by routinely checking **[www.mass.gov/opioidresponse](http://www.mass.gov/opioidresponse)**.

For a deeper dive into the factors and data trends behind the opioid overdose crisis in Massachusetts, visit the interactive version of the Chapter 55 Report online:  
**[www.mass.gov/chapter55](http://www.mass.gov/chapter55)**

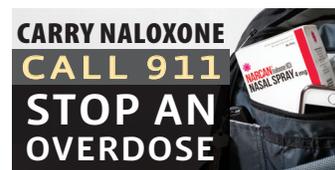
### Protect Your Kids from Prescription Drug Misuse Campaign



Stop addiction before it starts. Parents and caregivers can learn how to talk to their kids about prescription medication and learn the basics of prescription safety and opioid risks. Promote prevention of prescription drug misuse in your community.

**[www.mass.gov/stopaddiction](http://www.mass.gov/stopaddiction)**

### Make the Right Call Campaign



An opioid overdose is a medical emergency. Carry naloxone. Call 911. Stop an overdose. Naloxone (narcan) is available at pharmacies. Learn more at **[www.mass.gov/maketherightcall](http://www.mass.gov/maketherightcall)**. Spread the word by distributing these **naloxone buyer's cards** at locations in your community.  
» **Order from the Clearinghouse**

### End the StigMA of Addiction Campaign



This is a grassroots movement to eliminate the stigma of addiction which keeps so many people from seeking treatment. You can join the movement by ordering free **wallet cards, posters, and window signs** from the Clearinghouse for distribution in your community.

Learn more about the campaign to make Massachusetts a #StateWithoutStigMA at:  
**[www.mass.gov/statewithoutstigma](http://www.mass.gov/statewithoutstigma)**  
» **Order from the Clearinghouse**

### Additional Resources for Your Community

Find information about the **proper use and disposal of needles** and syringes for residents, workers/employers, and municipalities. Find information about the **proper disposal of prescription medication**.