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Department of Health Announces Naloxone Kit Building Event to Support Public Schools

August 8, 2024, ANCHORAGE, AK — In a concerted effort to combat the opioid crisis and support the safety of students, staff and visitors to schools across our communities, the Department of Health (DOH) is proud to announce a naloxone kit building event this Friday, August 9, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Frontier Building, located at 3601 C Street in Anchorage, Suite 756.

This initiative comes in anticipation of House Bill 202 becoming law. Once enacted, the bill is aimed at enhancing the availability and administration of opioid overdose reversal drugs within public schools and correspondence study programs.

[House Bill 202](#) emphasizes the critical need for opioid overdose prevention tools in educational settings. DOH is committed to this cause and will be actively involved in assembling naloxone kits, which are designed to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses and save lives.

Key Highlights:

- **Staff Involvement:** Dedicated DOH staff will lead the assembly of naloxone kits. Their hands--on involvement underscores the commitment to student safety.
- **Distribution Plan:** Once assembled, these kits will be distributed to public schools across Alaska, ensuring that educational facilities are equipped with the necessary resources to address potential opioid emergencies.
- **Public Awareness:** The event serves not only as a practical effort but also as part of a public awareness campaign, highlighting the importance of opioid overdose preparedness in schools, where to get naloxone training and how important it is to add naloxone to our first aid kits.

Why This Matters:

The opioid crisis continues to pose a significant threat to communities statewide, claiming a record number of Alaskan lives last year. By equipping schools and educational programs with naloxone, we are taking a proactive step towards safeguarding the lives of students and staff members.

Media Invitation:

Media representatives fill a critical role in raising the public's awareness and understanding of how naloxone can reverse an overdose and save lives. To RSVP, contact Shirley Sakaye at (907) 269-4996 or via email at shirley.sakaye@alaska.gov.

We look forward to your participation in this significant event and appreciate your support in spreading awareness about opioid overdose prevention.

If you are an individual who wants naloxone for yourself or a loved one, please contact one of our Project Hope partners by visiting opioids.alaska.gov.

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