



September 3, 2021

Dear colleague,

Over the past year, overdose incidents and overdose-related deaths have risen at historic rates across the United States and in many communities across Pennsylvania. As public health leaders managing hospitals within the Commonwealth, your organization plays a vital role in providing emergency care, referrals to treatment, and other supports that provide a lifeline for individuals struggling with substance use disorder (SUD).

Access to intranasal naloxone, or Narcan®, is a critical part of these efforts. Recently, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania launched a new Statewide Naloxone Allocation Portal, creating a new opportunity for organizations serving Pennsylvanians at greatest risk of overdose to request Narcan® kits to support their lifesaving work. (You can learn more about this program by visiting PCCD's Naloxone for First Responders Program webpage [here](#).)

If your organization is interested in receiving a supply of Narcan® to support hospital- and/or community-based naloxone distribution efforts, please submit a request through PCCD's [Statewide Naloxone Allocation Request Portal](#) as soon as you can. We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to determine your needs and provide a supply for distribution heading into the fall.

Thank you for the work you do each day to prevent overdose deaths and build healthier communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer S. Smith".

Jennifer S. Smith  
Secretary  
PA Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison R. Beam".

Alison Beam  
Acting Secretary  
PA Department of Health

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike D. Pennington".

Mike Pennington  
Executive Director  
PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency