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Save a Life Day, May 1 - Coalition Seeks to Blanket Fayette County with Free Naloxone

On May 1, 2021 from 10:00am-6:00pm, several churches, clinics, and community groups across Fayette County will distribute 500 free Narcan kits. All locations will also offer training and education, as well as resources for accessing recovery services.

Narcan is the brand name for the opioid overdose antidote, naloxone. Narcan is an easy to use nasal spray with no adverse side effects.

Family members, friends of people who take opioids for pain, friends of people who use drugs, and anyone who wants to save a life are welcome to get trained on May 1, 2021.

Save a Life Day is a pilot effort being convened by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Office of Drug Control Policy and Fayette Prevention Coalition. West Virginia has seen the highest number of opioid related overdoses from May of 2019 to May of 2020 to date, and it has only been exacerbated due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Depending on lessons learned and funding available, this may be a model which can be replicated with other West Virginia counties. In the past three years, states including Pennsylvania, Michigan, and New Jersey have organized their own statewide Free Naloxone Days.

This event is a collaborative effort that will be supported by many individuals and organizations throughout West Virginia including, the Fayette Prevention Coalition, WV DHHR Office of Drug Control Policy, Harmony Ridge Recovery Center, Fayette County Health Department, New River Health Association, Plateau Medical Center/BreakThru, Beckley Treatment Center, WV Adolescent Health Initiative, Morgan Insurance, Ascension Recovery Services, BridgeValley CTC, Fayette Co. Family Resource Network, FMRS, Jobs & Hope, WVU Extension, WV Coalition to End Homelessness, and the list is growing by the day.

Confirmed "Save A Life" Narcan distribution locations include: Mount Hope Fire Department (Mount Hope), BridgeValley CTC (Montgomery), Dollar General (Jones Ave. Oak Hill), Morgan Insurance Agency (Fayetteville), New River Health (Scarbro), Camden on the Gauley Medical Center (Ansted), Main Street (Gauley Bridge), Page Baptist Church (Page). More locations and location directions will be announced in the near future. Stay up to date on all information regarding Save A Life Day on the Fayette Prevention Coalition's Facebook page.

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