

USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS WITHIN LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES

Survey Overview

What is an Opioid Antagonist?

An opioid antagonist is medication that reverses respiratory depression during an opioid overdose. There are several opioid antagonists currently available including but not limited to Naloxone (Narcan), Naltrexone (ReVia), and Nalmefene (Revex).

What is the purpose of this survey?

The purpose of this survey is to better understand the occurrence of drug overdoses within local detention facilities (adult and juvenile) by collecting information related to the availability of and incidents of opioid antagonist use within the facilities.

Why focus on the use of opioid antagonists?

Collecting information to understand the occurrence of drug overdoses within local detention facilities is challenging. These challenges include (1) the considerable time and resource requirements necessary to confirm whether an incident is indeed the result of a drug overdose; and (2) the limited ability to share medical information between agencies (i.e., medical entities and detention agencies). Combined, these challenges result in reporting delays that limit the ability to identify important data shifts or trends in a timely manner. To overcome these challenges, the BSCC focused on the availability of and use of opioid antagonists, information more readily available to local detention facilities, to serve as a proxy for the occurrence of drug overdoses within local detention facilities.

How do you define an “Incident of Opioid Antagonist Use” within a facility?

When reporting the number of unique incidents of opioid antagonist use, data reporters are provided the following guidance:

- To the extent possible, exclude those incidents of opioid antagonist use that were later determined to *not* be in response to an overdose situation (e.g., turned out to be *any other* medical issue).
- If there are multiple doses of an opioid antagonist provided to one person during a single incident, count that as one incident. The intent is to count the number of incidents, not the number of doses/administrations.
- If one person had distinctly separate incidents during the reporting period (e.g., one incident on Tuesday and another on Friday) count them as two incidents.
- Count any incident where opioid antagonists were administered within the facility (regardless of who administered it).

When will the information be collected?

A baseline survey will be released in January 2024. The baseline survey will collect information about the availability of opioid antagonists within the facility as of December 31, 2023, and the number of incidents in which an opioid antagonist was used for each of the previous 12 months, if available.

The purpose of the baseline survey is two-fold:

1. To obtain baseline data on incidents of opioid antagonist use in local detention facilities as well as look for possible trends over the course of 2023.
2. To prepare facilities to track incidents of opioid antagonist use and be ready to report on a quarterly basis throughout 2024.

Beginning in April 2024, surveys will be released on a quarterly basis through January 2025. These quarterly surveys will request information about the availability of opioid antagonists within the facility as of the last day of the reporting period and the number of incidents in which an opioid antagonist was used for each of the three months in the reporting period.

Please refer to the table below for the survey schedule and each reporting period.

Survey	Release	Reporting Period	Due Date
Baseline	January 2024	Availability: as of Dec. 31, 2023 Incidents: for each month of 2023 (if available)	January 31, 2024
Q1 2024	April 2024	Availability: as of Mar. 31, 2024 Incidents: Jan., Feb., & Mar. 2024	April 30, 2024
Q2 2024	July 2024	Availability: as of Jun. 30, 2024 Incidents: Apr., May, & Jun. 2024	July 31, 2024
Q3 2024	October 2024	Availability: as of Sep. 30, 2024 Incidents: Jul., Aug., & Sep. 2024	October 31, 2024
Q4 2024	January 2025	Availability: as of Dec. 31, 2024 Incidents: Oct., Nov., & Dec. 2024	January 31, 2025

Will the survey continue after January 2025?

January 2025 is currently the last planned administration of the survey. Leading up to this date, the BSCC will reassess whether there is a need to continue the survey.

Who will receive and complete the survey?

Each agency (probation department, sheriff department) is asked to designate one person as the “agency data reporter” regardless of how many facilities there are within the jurisdiction. Unless notified, the BSCC will assume that this data reporter is the individual designated for one of the BSCC’s existing surveys (Jail Profile Survey or the Juvenile Detention Profile Survey).

How does a county with multiple facilities report the information?

The information requested in the survey will be collected for each local detention facility. If a county has more than one facility, a separate survey must be completed for each facility.

Have questions about this survey?

For general questions about this survey please email BSCC-Mail@bscc.ca.gov. Data reporters who have specific data reporting questions should email Research@bscc.ca.gov.

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