

## **Jackson County Department of Public Health**

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Free Naloxone trainings and kits are being offered through the Jackson County Department of Public Health. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can quickly reverse an opioid overdose. The medication works by blocking the effects of opioids on the brain receptors. Naloxone use is not dangerous to those who are not having an overdose. According to the CDC, additional people were present in nearly 40% of overdose related deaths, while 80% of overdoses happen in the home. Allowing bystanders to have Naloxone on hand can help prevent a fatal overdose. Contact Katie Hutchinson at the Jackson County Department of Public Health to schedule your free training and receive a free Naloxone kit. This program has been made possible with funds from the NC Grants to Prevent Prescription Drug/Overdose-Related Deaths (PDO). Katie Hutchinson can be reached by calling 828-587-8291 or emailing Katherinehutchinson@jacksonnc.org.

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