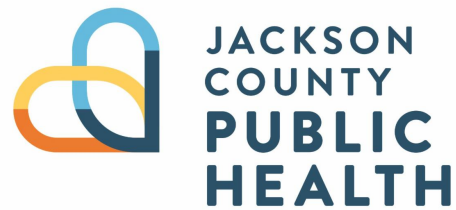


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Jackson County Public Health Installs Free Narcan Dispensers at Raytown Fire Stations

Health & Fire Departments Partner to Provide Lifesaving Resources for Raytown Residents

Raytown, MO: In response to the ongoing opioid epidemic, **Jackson County Public Health (JCPH) has installed free Narcan dispensers at all three Raytown Fire Stations.** These dispensers, accessible 24/7, provide residents with Narcan nasal spray, a critical tool for temporarily reversing opioid overdoses.

“Narcan is an essential item for every emergency kit,” said Seth Middleton, Program Coordinator at JCPH. “By making these dispensers available in the community, we aim to increase access to this lifesaving medication and ultimately save lives.”

Each dispenser is stocked with Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and educational materials on recognizing the signs of an opioid overdose. Two of the dispensers are located outdoors, while one is inside.

Dispenser Locations:

- **Raytown Fire Station 51:**
6020 Raytown Trafficway
 - Inside vestibule
- **Raytown Fire Station 52:**
7611 Raytown Trafficway
 - Outdoor location
- **Raytown Fire Station 53:**
10020 E 66th Terrace
 - Outdoor location



“Narcan boxes are life-saving measures,” says Matthew Cushman, Community Paramedic with the Raytown Fire Protection District. “We have seen significant reductions in death associated with free and accessible Narcan in our communities... This continues to make sure that in the neighborhoods we serve, there is opportunity to save lives and the data shows that.”

Since 2017, over 200 residents of Eastern Jackson County have lost their lives to opioid overdoses. **Although the rate of fatal overdoses declined in 2023,**

synthetic opioids like fentanyl continue to pose a significant threat to the community. To combat this, JCPH has been distributing free Narcan for more than a year, ensuring residents have access to lifesaving resources without barriers.

In light of the recent storm, Middleton notes that in extreme cold (below 5°F), Narcan can freeze and must be brought up to room temperature before use. Residents accessing Narcan are encouraged to plan accordingly when storing their boxes this winter.

For more information about Narcan, overdose prevention, and additional resources, visit jcph.org/opioids.

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