

FORB AND THN PROGRAM: REPLACING EXPIRED NALOXONE

ALERT: Naloxone from **Sandoz otc** with the Lot **#AA0723** and **#AA0568** are due to expire **September 30, 2026** and lots **#AA0776**, **#AA0791** and **#AA0822** are due to expire **October 31, 2026**.

Affected: Take Home Naloxone (THN) and Facility Overdose Response Box (FORB) sites.

Naloxone may have been included in **deliveries** made between:

January and April 2024.

Naloxone may lose its effectiveness after its expiration date, and therefore additional doses may be required to respond to an overdose. Expired naloxone is not harmful and should be used to respond to an overdose if it is the only naloxone available. For more information on naloxone please read our [naloxone FAQ](#).

Action Required by Facility Overdose Response Box (FORB) Program Sites:

Action 1: Check site inventory and advise staff of upcoming expiry

- Remove the naloxone ampoules from overdose response boxes and 3-dose blue kits to check the naloxone expiry date and lot number.
- To replace expired naloxone ampoules for the 10 and 20 dose cases independent/primary sites should order 'Naloxone ampoules' from the FORB [order form](#) (screenshot below). Satellite sites should order supplies from their primary site.

Product	Contents	Unit Issued	Quantity Ordered
Naloxone In Original Packaging (Sleeve of naloxone ampoules to refill 10 dose and 20 dose FORB clear boxes)	Naloxone, 0.4 mg/ml, 1 mL ampoules in a sleeve (Ampoule breakers are not included in original packaging)	1 sleeve = 10 ampoules	Sleeves

- To replace expired naloxone ampoules for the Blue 3 dose FORB kits independent/primary sites should order 'Naloxone replacement bottle' from the FORB [order form](#) (screenshot below). Satellite sites should order supplies from their primary site.

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Naloxone Replacement bottle (to refill the blue 3 dose FORB kits)	3 x Naloxone, 0.4 mg/mL, 1 mL ampoule 1 x Amber medication bottle with label with naloxone expiry label 3 x Plastic ampoule breakers	1 bottle	_____ Bottle
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Actions Required by Take Home Naloxone (THN) Sites:

Action 1: Check site inventory and advise staff of upcoming expiry

- Check the expiry label on the THN kit and remove the naloxone ampoules from kit to check the expiry date and lot number.
- To replace the expired naloxone in the THN kits independent/primary sites should order 'Naloxone Bottles Only' from the THN [order form](#) (screenshot below). Satellite sites should order supplies from their primary site.

Products	Contents	Unit of issue	Quantity Ordered
Completely Assembled THN Kit (for distribution to clients only not for staff use)	1 x Black case 3 x Naloxone, 0.4 mg/mL, 1 mL ampoule 3 x Vanish Point® 3 mL syringe 1 x Amber medication bottle with label 3 x Plastic ampoule breakers 1 x Pair of non-latex gloves 1 x Individual breathing mask	1 kit	_____ Kits (minimum order 25 kits)
Naloxone Replacement Bottles (to refill used or expired THN kits)	3 x Naloxone, 0.4 mg/mL, 1 mL ampoule 1 x Amber medication bottle with label 3 x Plastic ampoule breakers Naloxone expiry is located on the ampoule	1 bottle	_____ Bottles (THN kit refills only. Not for staff use or FORB refills)
Mock Kit (For demonstration purposes only. Not for distribution or hands on training)	1 x Black Case 3 x Water ampoules, 1 mL 3 x Vanish Point® 3 mL syringe 1 x Amber medication bottle with label 3 x Plastic ampoule breakers 1 x Pair of non-latex gloves 3 x Alcohol swabs 1 x Individual breathing mask	1 kit	_____ Kits (maximum order 5 kits)

Action 2: Advise Clients of upcoming expiry

- We recommend displaying the expiry sign clearly in or near your site to advise clients of the upcoming expiry
- Encourage clients to check the naloxone expiry date on the ampoules in their kits, or assist clients in doing so
- Replace the expired naloxone ampoules using the options below:

Option 1. For unused kits only, replace naloxone ampoules

- Ensure remaining kit components are unused and intact. Replace additional components if necessary. If you have any concerns about the state of the supplies, issue a new replacement kit

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- THN Kit content:
 - 1 x Black case
 - 3 x Naloxone, 0.4 mg/mL 1 mL ampoule
 - 3 x Vanish Point® 3 mL syringe
 - 1 x Amber medication bottle with label
 - 3 x Plastic ampoule breakers
 - 1 x Pair of non-latex gloves
 - 1 x Individual breathing mask
 - 1x Administration information sheet
- It is important to indicate the new naloxone expiry date on the outside of the kit by creating a new label
- The replacement naloxone will have an expiry date on the vial but will also come in an amber medication bottle which also indicates the expiry date
- Manually update or create a new expiry label with the new expiry date
- Advise clients to check the replacement bottles for expiry dates

Option 2. Replace entire kit

- If the kit is damaged and requires replacement, issue a new kit.

Disposal of Expired Naloxone/Remaining Kit Supplies

- Please dispose of expired naloxone ampoules and any syringes in a sharps container or through your local pharmacy's medications return program
- Unused and intact supplies in the kit may be used for training purposes. Label kits as "training only" and store in a separate area to avoid confusion and away from non-expired naloxone containing kits which are given to users. Any used supplies should be disposed or recycled locally.
- Do not return any supplies to BCCDC unless requested
- Any other unused supplies should be disposed or recycled locally in accordance with the product's appropriate disposition.
- Label product replacements in accordance with Take Home Naloxone practices.

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Got Naloxone?



Take Home Naloxone Program Kits



CHECK the expiration date

Naloxone in THN and FORB kits with

Sandoz etc Lot #AA0723, #AA0568, #AA0776,
#AA0791 and #AA0822
is set to expire
Sep 30, 2026, and Oct 31, 2026



For reversal of opioid overdose:
Inject 1 mL (1 ampoule)
intramuscularly. If no
improvement after 3 minutes,
inject a second dose. If still no
improvement after another 3
minutes, inject a third dose.

REPLACE naloxone in your kits

For Take Home Naloxone (THN) kits, bring your whole kit to:

SITE: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Expired naloxone may be less effective = slower OD reversal **STAY SAFE and REPLACE**

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