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Free First Aid Kits with Narcan Available at Montcalm County Public Libraries

Montcalm County, MI – The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) has offered all public libraries across Montcalm County first aid kits containing Naloxone (Narcan). The first aid kits are available to the public at no cost. This initiative was made possible in 2023 through state funding and will continue in 2024 through the Montcalm County Opioid Settlement funds.

Narcan is provided free from the State of Michigan. It is a lifesaving medication used to counter opioid overdose emergencies, including unintentional ingestion. This partnership focuses on MMDHD’s mission, protecting, maintaining, and improving the health of our community.

MMDHD Health Educator, Christa Jerome says: “This partnership increases the safety of our communities. It has been so successful that it is difficult to keep the libraries supplied due to the interest of library visitors.”

In Michigan, since Jan 1, 2023, there have been 14,747 EMS Narcan Administrations, 70 of those in Montcalm County (systemforoverdosesurveillance.com). In 2023, 900 kits were distributed to community members and local agencies. Of those, Tamarack District Library distributed 118 kits, and Flat River Library distributed 65 kits. So far in 2024, local libraries have distributed nearly 200 kits. Additional kits are being ordered for distribution for the upcoming months.

Currently, the libraries that free first aid kits containing Narcan can be found, include: Richland Township Library (Vestaburg) Home Township Library (Edmore), Tamarack District, Library (Lakeview), Carson City Library, Flat River District Library (Greenville), White Pine Library (Stanton), Timothy C Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library (Howard City). Signs at each library will guide those interested in receiving a free first aid kit.

This partnership between MMDHD and participating public libraries across Montcalm County allows first aid kits containing Narcan to be offered to the public for free. Narcan, a lifesaving medication used to counter opioid overdose emergencies, is provided free from the State of Michigan. Through this partnership, the community is heading in a safer direction, combatting the opioid crisis.

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The Mid-Michigan District Health Department has proudly served the residents of Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm Counties since 1966. We take action to protect, maintain and improve the health of our community.