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To: Local Media and Press Release Subscribers
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**Free NARCAN® Vending Now Available at
Lakeside Fire-Rescue District Headquarters in Edgerton**

EDGERTON, WI – Edgerton area residents now have access to free NARCAN® and fentanyl test strips via a vending machine located at Lakeside Fire-Rescue District Headquarters at 617 North Main Street in downtown Edgerton.

This newspaper-box style vending option will bring free NARCAN® and fentanyl test strip kits to Northern Rock County. Free NARCAN® vending machines are also available in several other locations in Rock County including the Rock County Jail and the Beloit Public Library.

This effort is the result of collaboration between Rock County Public Health and Lakeside Fire-Rescue and is intended to help the community continue to respond to the [opioid overdose crisis](#). Although overdose rates continue to be high, the County has seen overdose trends moving in the right direction. Emergency calls and visits for opioid overdoses have been trending downward over the past couple of years and the increased availability of these lifesaving supplies are likely contributing to this trend.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Lakeside Fire-Rescue District to continue promoting access to life-saving resources. Carrying NARCAN® is one step each person in our community can take to help respond to the opioid overdose crisis,” said Katrina Harwood, RCPH Director and Health Officer.

“Having access to NARCAN® is the next step in the fight against the opioid crisis,” agreed Lakeside Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief Brandon Whitmore.



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NARCAN[®], a name-brand version of naloxone, is a medicine that can reverse an opioid overdose. Especially in its nasal form, NARCAN[®] is easy and safe to use. It can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose. There is no harm if NARCAN[®] is administered to someone who isn't overdosing or if too many doses are accidentally given.

To access the NARCAN[®] and test strips from the machine, a person just needs to visit the 24-hour vestibule at the Lakeside Fire-Rescue headquarters, open the box and remove the supplies they need. No money or identifying information is required. Instructions are available both in an easy-to-read graphic on the machine and in short videos accessible through a QR code. Spanish-language videos are also available using QR codes.

Users of the machine can choose whether to participate in an anonymous, 30-second survey that will help provide additional feedback regarding the process and the service.

Anyone who has a loved one who use opioids is encouraged to have these products on hand in case of an accidental overdose. For assistance accessing treatment for a substance use disorder, call [211](tel:211) to be connected to the [Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline](https://www.wisconsinaddictionrecoveryhelpline.com/).

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