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KPhA Pharmacy Emergency Preparedness



KPhA Emergency Preparedness Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to the KPhA Emergency Preparedness Quarterly Newsletter. We will keep you informed about the initiatives OUR KPhA is developing and initiating with the emergency preparedness program.

The KPhA Pharmacy Emergency Preparedness Program prepares pharmacists to serve the community with medication needs in the event of a disaster. Pharmacy volunteers are necessary for the sustainability of the program. Information about how to volunteer as a pharmacist, pharmacy technician or student pharmacist is available on the [KPhA website](#), weekly eNews newsletter, The Kentucky Pharmacist journal and KPhA social media.

If you have suggestions or questions or just want to get involved, contact KPhA via [email](#) or call 502-227-2303!

March is American Red Cross Month

To learn more about this organization, click [here](#).

KPhA Partners with KDPH to dispense Narcan across Kentucky

The Kentucky Department for Public Health and KPhA Naloxone Dispensing Program with the mobile pharmacy was first implemented at the Berea and Richmond health departments on November 18th. In Berea, four prescriptions of Narcan® 4 mg Nasal Spray were dispensed free of charge to individuals that

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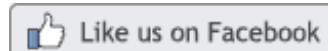
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About Us

The Kentucky Pharmacists Association, in partnership with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH), has developed a state wide plan for pharmacy emergency preparedness. It includes serving as the operational lead for a mobile pharmacy unit and the provider of training and education on emergency response for pharmacists. Emergency preparedness plans are developed for families in the event an evacuation is ordered.



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attended the program and requested naloxone, and an additional 18 prescriptions were dispensed in Richmond. The program was held for three hours at each location.



The second naloxone outreach event was conducted at the Franklin County Health

Department on December 21 where 45 Narcan® prescriptions were dispensed.

Education about opioid abuse and use of naloxone, as outlined in the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy's protocol, also was provided at each location.

This program will continue at various health departments across the state this spring.

Full exercise held for Mobile Pharmacy Preparedness

A full scale mobile pharmacy exercise was held October 25 and 26. KDPH, KPhA, BOP, DEA, HD Smith, QS1, "10 patients" and 8 pharmacist volunteers participated.



During this full-scale exercise, KDPH demonstrated the ability to order and acquire medications from the wholesale distributor, ability to function as a pharmacy and dispense medications (number of prescriptions filled per hour), ability of support personnel to deploy and activate mobile pharmacy and ability of mobile pharmacy to run independently.

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Pharmacy Surge Unit #1 Mobile Pharmacy



The mobile pharmacy is a free-standing trailer that can be deployed anywhere in Kentucky during a public health emergency. The mobile pharmacy may be deployed if a pharmacy has been destroyed or, if needed, to assist other pharmacies in dispensing a surge of prescriptions. If the mobile pharmacy is deployed, pharmacy volunteers will be contacted by KPhA, by either email or phone. Additional information will be distributed in KPhA newsletters and posted on the [KPhA website](#).