

Allegany College of Maryland
HEROIN & OPIOID PREVENTION AWARENESS POLICY

[Policy mandated by Maryland law]
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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Pursuant the epidemic of heroin and opioid-related deaths in the state, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation which was signed into law by the Governor who had declared a state of emergency; the law requires all Maryland institutions of higher education receiving state funding to adopt and implement policy to provide heroin and opioid addiction and prevention awareness training to incoming students and to provide training and materials for use in emergency overdose situations.

POLICY

I. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all incoming students, specific college officials, and campus locations. Off campus teaching sites are exempt.

II. Student Training

Allegany College of Maryland will provide in-person heroin and opioid addiction and prevention awareness training to all incoming, full time students. Where in-person training is impracticable, the College will provide electronic heroin and opioid addiction and prevention awareness training. Participation in the training by incoming, full time students is required.

Allegany College of Maryland will provide alert and education resources to all incoming, part time students regarding heroin and opioid addiction and prevention.

III. Employee Training and Emergency Response

Allegany College of Maryland will obtain and store Naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication to be used in an overdose emergency situation.

Allegany College of Maryland will provide training for campus police or other designated personnel on how to recognize the symptoms of an opioid overdose.

Allegany College of Maryland will adopt procedures for the administration of Naloxone or other overdose-reversing medications.

Allegany College of Maryland will adopt proper follow-up emergency procedures.

Except for any willful or grossly negligent act, campus police or other designated personnel who have been trained and who respond in good faith to the overdose emergency of a student may not be held personally liable for any act or omission in the course of responding to the emergency.

Allegany College of Maryland will annually report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission each incident that required the use of naloxone or other overdose-reversing medication.

IV. Changes

Substantive changes to this policy require approval by the Board of Trustees; editorial changes, title/position changes, and/or changes to its implementation procedures may be made as required by federal or state mandate and/or institutional need with timely notice to students and employees.ro