

Unexpected Health Emergencies

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A timely and coordinated response to health emergencies is a critical component of maintaining a safe and secure school environment. Health incidents may occur without warning and require immediate intervention prior to the arrival of first responders. Nechako Lakes School District wants to ensure that schools are equipped and prepared to respond to emergencies.

The Board of Education expects all schools to plan and prepare for unexpected health emergencies and comply with Ministry, WorkSafeBC and District policies, regulations, and guidelines.

Preparing for unexpected health emergencies requires consideration of the specific needs and context of the school community and location.

All schools must ensure that the following are readily available and in working order according to Ministry Policy in each school:

- Automatic Emergency Defibrillators - AEDs
- Naloxone kits

School staff will work with district staff to:

- Ensure emergency kits and devices are marked with standardized signage to support easy identification and use
- Ensure that emergency kits and devices are routinely inspected as per district, provincial, and manufacturers' guidelines and specifications
- Immediately report any functionality concerns for follow-up with the Facilities Department
- Ensure that appropriate staff have the prescribed training to support the use of these emergency devices
- Provide barrier-free and equitable access to accommodate the diverse needs of students and staff