



July 28, 2025

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Dear Superintendents:

As a follow-up to the communication sent on June 30, 2025, regarding the amendment to the [Support Services for Schools Ministerial Order](#) and the new [Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies Policy](#), I am writing to provide additional guidance and resources to support your school district's implementation of the new requirements.

Timelines for implementation:

Category	Requirement	Deadline
1. Policy Submissions	Submit completed policies to the Ministry via email to educ.mentalhealth@gov.bc.ca <i>Please note - board-approved policies or administrative procedures will be accepted</i>	December 31, 2025
2. Secondary Schools	AEDs and naloxone must be in all secondary schools	December 31, 2025
3. Elementary & Middle Schools	AEDs and naloxone must be in all elementary and middle schools	September 8, 2026

The BC Centre for Disease Control has communicated guidance to school medical health officers to support implementation. Below is a summary of their guidance regarding procurement and training opportunities:

Naloxone

- *Procurement:*
 - **Injectable naloxone kits** for occupational use can be purchased via the Product Distribution Centre. Contact: PDCCustomerSer@gov.bc.ca or 604-927-2000.
 - **Intranasal naloxone kits** can be purchased through community pharmacies.
- *Training:*
 - Free online training is available at [Naloxone 101 Course](#) and [Naloxone Training](#).
 - In-person and online training is also available via [St. John Ambulance](#).

AEDs

- *Procurement:*

- Focused Education Resources is leading a Request for Proposal initiative with the objective of securing vendors that can offer consortium pricing. The goal is to have agreements in place by October (at the latest), with delivery and installation of products completed by December.
- If you are interested, please contact supplies@focusedresources.ca.

We appreciate your continued commitment to student and staff safety. If you have questions or require support, please contact the Mental Health and Substance Use Team at educ.mentalhealth@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cloë Nicholls', written in a cursive style.

Cloë Nicholls
Assistant Deputy Minister