





**Date:** March 24, 2026

**To:** Governing Body, Quality of Life Committee, Finance Committee

**From:** Mario Riso, Assistant Fire Chief   
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**Via:** Scott Ouderkrick, Interim Fire Chief   
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**RE:** Increasing Availability of Narcan at Certain City Facilities and on City Buses

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed resolution directs the City Manager to ensure that Naloxone, also referred to as Narcan, is available to employees of the City of Santa Fe's Transit Division, libraries, and recreation centers. It further requires that employees in these locations receive training to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and to safely administer Naloxone in emergency situations.

## BACKGROUND:

Non-medical and illicit opioid use remains a significant public health crisis at the national, state, and local levels. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drug overdoses are a leading cause of injury-related death in the United States, with more than 53,000 overdose deaths reported in 2024. New Mexico has consistently experienced one of the highest overdose death rates in the nation, with 4,380 deaths statewide between 2019 and 2023, including over 350 deaths in Santa Fe County alone. The growing prevalence of fentanyl has further increased the risk of fatal overdoses.

Opioid overdoses can occur rapidly and require immediate intervention. Naloxone (Narcan) is a safe, non-addictive medication that can quickly reverse the effects of an overdose and restore breathing. Public spaces such as City buses, libraries, and recreation centers are frequently accessed by diverse populations and may be site where overdoses occur. Expanding access to Naloxone and training non-medical personnel to recognize and respond to overdoses is a harm reduction strategy that can reduce the number of overdose deaths in Santa Fe.

## ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution  
Fiscal Impact Report