

Iowa County, Iowa
Policy Manual

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Policy

A collaboration between Iowa County Public Health and Iowa County EMS to utilize Public Health Preparedness Funds to prevent and reduce premature death and disability in Iowa County.

Goals

- Increase community access to AED's, Naloxone, and Stop the Bleed kits.
- Provide community education on the use of CPR, AED, Naloxone, and Stop the Bleed kits.
- Provide community education on recognizing signs and symptoms of a medical emergency.

Plan/Process

- Identify and prioritize strategic locations for Community Access AEDs.
- Identify interested community partners. (e.g. Municipalities, Schools, Churches, etc....).
- Apply for Public Health Preparedness Grants or other grants for interested community partners.
- In collaboration with the community partners identify appropriate site locations.
- Community partners will be responsible for providing the labor and supplies to install the Community Access AED box including electrical access.
- Equipment will include at a minimum an AED. It may also include a cabinet or heated cabinet, Naloxone Nasal Spray, and a Stop the Bleed Kit.
 - Unmonitored locations, such as a public park, will have a locked cabinet accessible with a pin code. In the event of an emergency, instructions on the cabinet will instruct the caller to call 911. The dispatcher in the 911 Call Center will then give the caller the code to access the cabinet.

Training/Education

The collaboration will provide community education on:

- Recognizing signs & symptoms of a medical emergency including cardiac arrest.

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- CPR, AED, Naloxone Nasal Spray, and Bleeding Control.
- Accessing Community Access AED's.

Maintenance/Supplies

Iowa County EMS will be responsible for checking Community Access AED's quarterly. Any supplies missing or expired will be replaced as soon as possible.

Iowa County Public Health will provide AED supplies if grant funds are available:

- AED pads
- AED Batteries
- Naloxone Nasal Spray
- Stop the Bleed Kits.

If grants funds are not available for supplies, the collaboration may assist community partners in finding alternative funding and may offer supplies at a reduced rate if available through their medical supply vendors.

Post Use Procedure

1. Notify the EMS Director as soon as possible following the event.
2. If an EMS Provider, Law Enforcement Officer, or Public Health Provider is available at the scene of the event, they should put the equipment back in the AED cabinet.
 - a. Equipment should be placed back in working order if possible at time of the event. (e.g. replace AED's pads with spare set)
 - b. Notify the EMS Director of the supplies used.
3. The EMS Director or their designee will check the equipment in the AED cabinet within 72 hours.
4. Any supplies missing will be replaced as soon as possible.