

PUBLIC HEALTH VENDING MACHINE PILOT PROGRAM

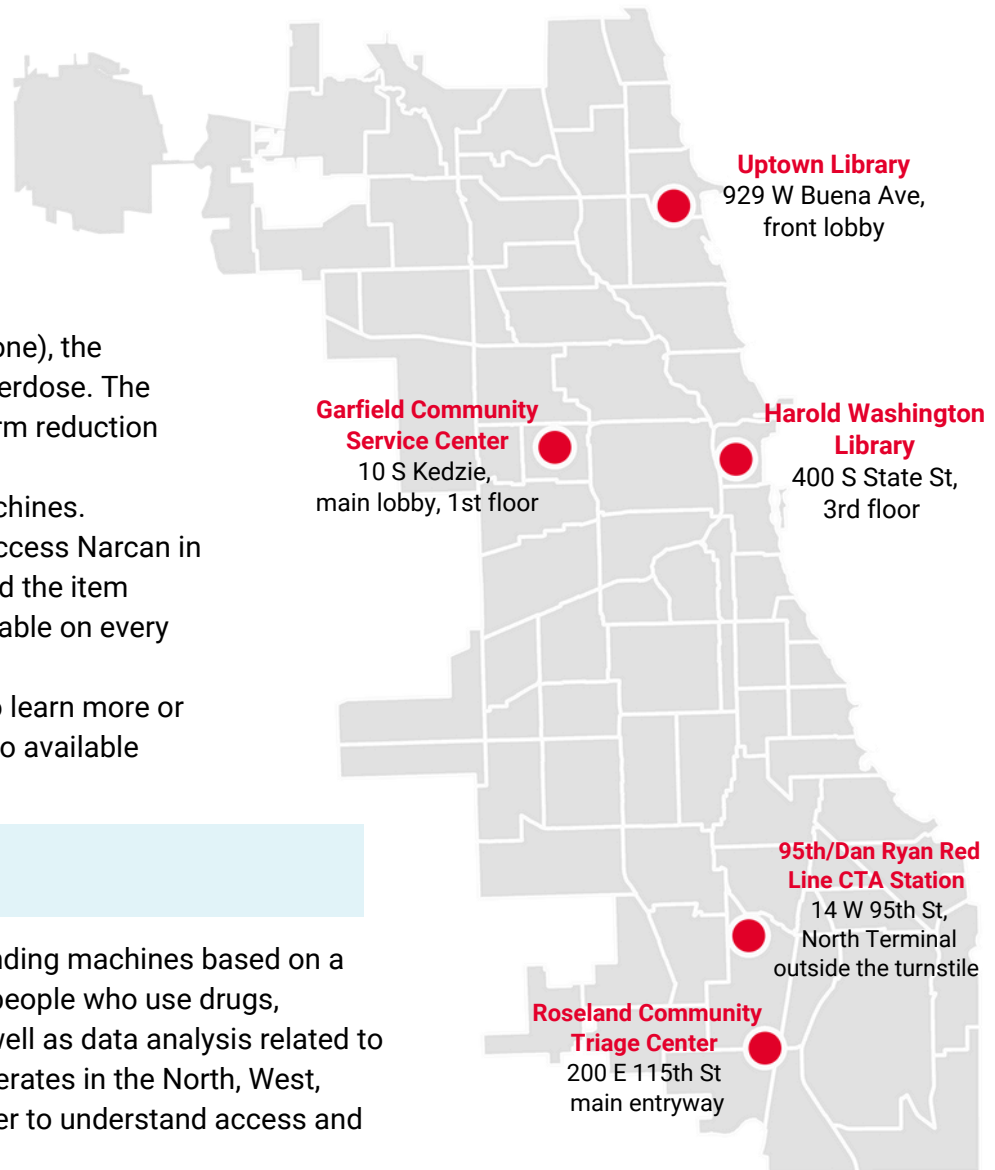
CDPH operates 5 Public Health Vending Machines in Chicago to extend harm reduction and overdose prevention supplies to people in Chicago at no cost. Individuals may request PIN codes to access materials.

OVERVIEW

- This is a one year pilot program. CDPH will evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of operating this type of harm reduction program.
- All five machines have Narcan (naloxone), the medication that reverses an opioid overdose. The machines also contain a variety of harm reduction materials.
- PIN codes are used to access the machines.
- No individual PIN code is needed to access Narcan in the machines, simply key in "1234" and the item number. This information is also available on every machine.
- Visit chicago.gov/vendingmachines to learn more or request a PIN code. PIN codes are also available through select partner agencies.

LOCATIONS & TIMELINE

CDPH chose the five locations for the vending machines based on a series of focus groups and surveys with people who use drugs, providers, and community members, as well as data analysis related to overdose hotspots. The pilot program operates in the North, West, Central, and South parts of the city in order to understand access and engagement in these different areas.



November 2, 2023

Harold Washington
Library went live

November 4, 2023

CTA Red Line
went live

November 7, 2023

Garfield Community Service
Center went live

November 3, 2023

Uptown Library
went live

November 6, 2023

Roseland Triage Center
went live

November 17, 2023

Launch event with Mayor
Brandon Johnson

IMPACT: NOVEMBER 2, 2023 – MAY 31, 2025

As of May 31, 2025, **4,296** pin codes were distributed and a total of **21,983** products were distributed from all 5 machines.



Narcan
(naloxone)
2,556 boxes



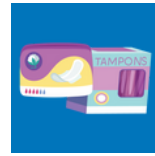
Fentanyl
Test Kits
1,338 kits



Xylazine
Test Kits
607 kits



General
Hygiene Kits
5,567 Kits



Menstrual
Hygiene Kits
3,149 Kits



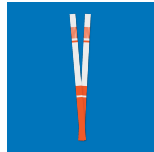
Socks and
Underwear
6,922 Kits



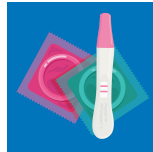
Wound Care
Kits
285 Kits



Gun Locks
456 locks



Nitazene
Test Kits
144 kits



Pregnancy
Test Kits
182 kits



Sexual
Health Kits
208 kits



Plan B Kits
228 kits



Hats and
Gloves
341 kits



Of those who completed optional survey questions while obtaining a PIN code:

Housing

Of the 3,531 people who reported this information:

- **39%** reported being unhoused, living with someone else, or living in a shelter
- **45%** reported renting/owning an apartment or home
- **16%** reported other

Experienced or Witnessed an Overdose

Of the 3,415 people who reported this information, **15%** reported experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Of the 3,318 people who reported this information, **39%** reported witnessing someone experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Demographics

- **1,358** individuals self-identified as female & **1,634** self-identified as male
- **32%** of survey respondents identified as **Black or African American**
- The age of individuals ranged from **15 to 89 years**



8,668

Harold Washington Library

4,685

CTA Red Line

4,332

Uptown Library

3,809

Garfield Community Center

489

Roseland Triage Center

Total items vended
from each machine

If you or a loved one is struggling with opioid use and looking for treatment, 24/7 help is available through the Illinois MAR NOW Program. Call 833-234-6343 and ask for MAR NOW. In case of emergency, dial 911.