

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.

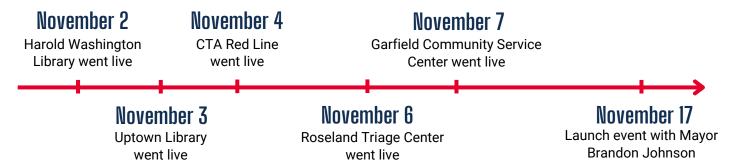
OVERVIEW

- 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.

Uptown Library 929 W Buena Ave. front lobby **Garfield Community Harold Washington Service Center** Library 10 S Kedzie. 400 S State St, main lobby, 1st floor 3rd floor 95th/Dan Ryan Red **Line CTA Station** 14 W 95th St, North Terminal outside the turnstile **Roseland Community Triage Center** 200 E 115th St main entryway

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.



IMPACT: NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - JANUARY 19, 2024

As of January 19, 2024, 662 pin codes were distributed and 426 of those pin codes were used at machines.

A total of 2,246 products were distributed from all 5 machines.



NARCAN (naloxone) 328 Boxes



FENTANYL TEST KITS 130 Kits



XYLAZINE TEST KITS 68 Kits



GENERAL HYGIENE KITS 656 Kits



MENSTRUAL HYGIENE KITS 217 Kits



SOCKS & UNDERWEAR 847 Kits



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

Housing

Of the 540 people who reported this information:

- 47% reported being unhoused, living with someone else, or living in a shelter
- 36% reported renting/owning an apartment or home
- 17% reported other

Experienced or Witnessed an Overdose

Of the 526 people who reported this information, **15%** reported experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Of the 516 people who reported this information, **44%** reported witnessing someone experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Demographics

- 208 individuals identified as women & 258 identified as men
- The majority of individuals who self-reported race, were Black or African American
- The age of individuals ranged from 16 to 88 years

