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
Harold Washington Library went live

November 3
Uptown Library went live

November 4
CTA Red Line went live

November 5
Roseland Triage Center went live

November 6
Garfield Community Service Center went live

November 7
Launch event with Mayor Brandon Johnson
As of March 13, 2024, **1,506** pin codes were distributed and **883** of those pin codes were used at machines. A total of **4,892** products were distributed from all 5 machines.

### Specific Vending Machines

- **Narcan (naloxone)**: 793 Boxes
- **Fentanyl Test Kits**: 303 Kits
- **Xylazine Test Kits**: 180 Kits
- **General Hygiene Kits**: 1,415 Kits
- **Menstrual Hygiene Kits**: 544 Kits
- **Socks & Underwear**: 1,657 Kits

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

#### Housing

Of the 1,272 people who reported this information:
- **45%** reported being unhoused, living with someone else, or living in a shelter
- **40%** reported renting/owning an apartment or home
- **15%** reported other

#### Experienced or Witnessed an Overdose

Of the 1,228 people who reported this information, **18%** reported experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Of the 1,246 people who reported this information, **43%** reported witnessing someone experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

#### Demographics

- **415** individuals identified as women & **660** 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**

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**Harold Washington Library**: 1,716

**Garfield Community Center**: 1,303

**Uptown Library**: 1,082

**CTA Red Line**: 663

**Roseland Triage Center**: 128

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**IMPACT: NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024**

*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.*