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### **KCHD releases Knox County Naloxone Deployment Report**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* – The Knox County Health Department, on behalf of the Harm Reduction Coalition, is releasing a new iteration of the Knox County Naloxone Deployment by First Responders report. This report looks at naloxone deployments from first responders in Knox County from 2017-2021 and examines trends and changes.

“Naloxone deployment is a daily occurrence in Knox County, with nearly six people receiving naloxone from a first responder each day,” said Roberta Sturm, Director of Communicable and Environmental Disease and Emergency Preparedness at KCHD. “Over the years, this report has enabled us to have the knowledge and data to see how we, as a community, can find opportunities to address the overdose problem in Knox County.”

Notable findings from the report include:

- White males aged 30-34 received naloxone most frequently.
- The number of deployments of naloxone by first responders in 2021 was greater than each of the previous four years.
- In 2021, an average of 180 individuals received naloxone from a first responder each month.

Since the first report in 2018, the Harm Reduction Coalition has achieved several community successes, including increased access to naloxone, improved availability of testing for sexually transmitted infections, and continued education about naloxone through trainings in the community. The full report contains ongoing and new recommendations for next steps.

To view the full report, click [here](#).

#### **About Knox County Health Department**

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. For more information, visit <http://www.knoxcounty.org/health>.

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