



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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# **THE DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER & RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER STAFF TO GO THROUGH NALOXONE (NARCAN) TRAINING**

**WHY:** Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) data indicates that one in three opioid overdose calls to which Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded in Rhode Island in 2018 occurred in public places

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:00AM

**WHERE:** Rhode Island Convention Center, Fifth Floor-Room 557

**Providence, R.I., (April 15, 2019)** - Naloxone is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose and studies show that increased access to naloxone is an effective way to fight overdose deaths.

Through the development and distribution of NaloxBox as a nonprofit effort among partner agencies, RI is in a unique position to provide an innovative solution to address the crisis nationwide. The NaloxBox mission is important and simple: increase access, reduce stigma, and save lives.

On Wednesday, April 17th at 11AM the staff of the Dunkin' Donuts Center & Rhode Island Convention Center will participate in naloxone training. The training is designed to prepare individuals to recognize and respond to an overdose.

Media is welcome to cover the training and interviews with the following will be available:

- Lawrence Lepore, General Manager, Dunkin' Donuts Center / RI Convention Center
- Erin Mc Donough, Director of the Naloxone and Overdose Prevention Education Program
- Dr. Geoff Capraro, MD, Emergency Medicine Physician, Lifespan Brown Academic Advisor, Co-founder and medical director of the RI NaloxBox project

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## About NaloxBox

NaloxBox is managed by RIDMAT, Inc. a 501 (c) RI based non-profit organization. The NaloxBox mission is to improve the capacity of bystander rescuers to save the lives of victims of opioid overdose by strategically placing innovative rescue cabinets in settings most in need of quickly accessible, public use naloxone. Learn more at [Naloxbox.org](http://Naloxbox.org)

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