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REVIVE! Training and Free Narcan Available at Local Health Departments

(WISE, Va.) -- The Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) LENOWISCO health district will offer REVIVE! training -- Virginia's opioid overdose and naloxone education program -- and will provide Narcan® (naloxone) at no cost to those completing the short training session.

REVIVE! classes will be held in February at local health departments in Lee, Scott and Wise counties and will teach professionals, stakeholders and any concerned community member how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose emergency by administering Narcan® (a brand name for naloxone). This medication reverses the effects of opiates on the brain, giving time for emergency services to respond and provide medical care. REVIVE! training also covers risk factors for opioid overdoses.

"The opioid epidemic is so widespread in our area that REVIVE! training is crucial for everyone," said Sue Cantrell, M.D., director of the LENOWISCO and Cumberland Plateau Health Districts. "A person who has overdosed is unconscious and unable to self-administer the antidote, so it is important to get as many community members trained and carrying Narcan® as possible."

REVIVE! classes are FREE and open to the public. The training only takes 30 minutes or less and is available on a walk in basis, no pre-registration required. Classes are available on the following days and times:

- Lee County Health Department, 134 Hill St., Jonesville.
 - Monday, Feb. 5 – noon to 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 21 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Scott County Health Department, 190 Beech St., Suite 102, Gate City.
 - Thursday, Feb. 8 – 8 a.m. to noon
- Wise County Health Department, 134 Roberts Ave., SW, Wise.
 - Thursday, Feb. 15 – noon to 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 27- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Almost every family has been touched in some way by the opioid epidemic," said Dr. Cantrell. "Getting trained in REVIVE! and carrying Narcan® is a great way for our communities to get involved. Everyone is encouraged to attend the REVIVE! trainings and take advantage of the no cost Narcan® while it is available."

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