

PUBLIC HEALTH VENDING MACHINE PILOT PROGRAM

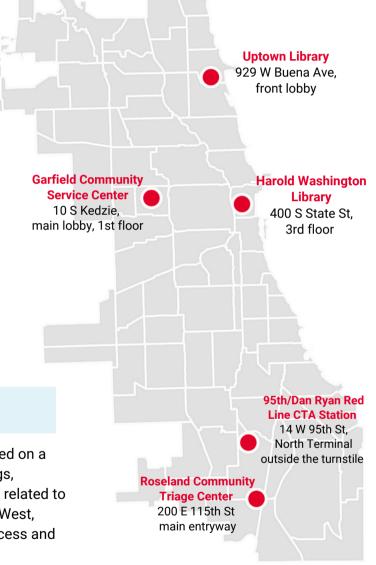
CDPH operates 5 Public Health Vending Machines in Chicago to extend harm reduction and overdose prevention supplies to people in Chicago at no cost. Individuals may request PIN codes to access materials.

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, 2023

November 4, 2023

November 7, 2023

Harold Washington Library went live CTA Red Line went live Garfield Community Service Center went live

November 3, 2023

Uptown Library went live

November 6, 2023

Roseland Triage Center went live

November 17, 2023

Launch event with Mayor Brandon Johnson

IMPACT: NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2025

As of March 31, 2025, 3,969 pin codes were distributed and a total of 20,582 products were distributed from all 5 machines.



Narcan (naloxone) 2,353 boxes



Fentanyl Test Kits 1,227 kits



Xylazine Test Kits 561 kits



General Hygiene Kits 5,272 Kits



Menstrual Hygiene Kits 2,923 Kits



Socks and Underwear 6.856 Kits



Wound Care Kits 191 Kits



Gun Locks 353 locks



Nitazene Test Kits 95 kits



Pregnancy Test Kits 123 kits



Sexual Health Kits 161 kits



Plan B Kits



Hats and Gloves 329 kits



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

Housing

Of the 3,274 people who reported this information:

- 40% reported being unhoused, living with someone else, or living in a shelter
- 44% reported renting/owning an apartment or home
- 16% reported other

Experienced or Witnessed an Overdose

Of the 3,165 people who reported this information, **15**% reported experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Of the 3,214 people who reported this information, **39%** reported witnessing someone experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Demographics

- 1,244 individuals self-identified as female & 1,524 self-identified as male
- 33% of survey respondents identified as Black or African American
- The age of individuals ranged from 15 to 89 years

