

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.

Garfield Community

Service Center

10 S Kedzie.

main lobby, 1st floor

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.



Uptown Library 929 W Buena Ave, front lobby

> Harold Washington Library 400 S State St, 3rd floor

95th/Dan Ryan Red Line CTA Station 14 W 95th St, North Terminal

outside the turnstile Roseland Community

Triage Center 200 E 115th St main entryway

IMPACT: NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - NOVEMBER 30, 2024

As of November 2, 2024, 3,131 pin codes were distributed and a total of 14,927 products were distributed from all 5 machines.



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

Housing

Of the 2,570 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

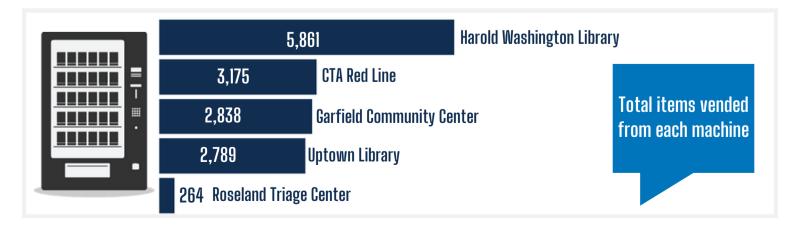
Experienced or Witnessed an Overdose

Of the 2,487 people who reported this information, **15%** reported experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Of the 2,529 people who reported this information, **41%** reported witnessing someone experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Demographics

- 907 individuals self-identified as female & 1,266 self-identified as male
- 34% of survey respondents identified as Black or African American
- The age of individuals ranged from 15 to 88 years



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.