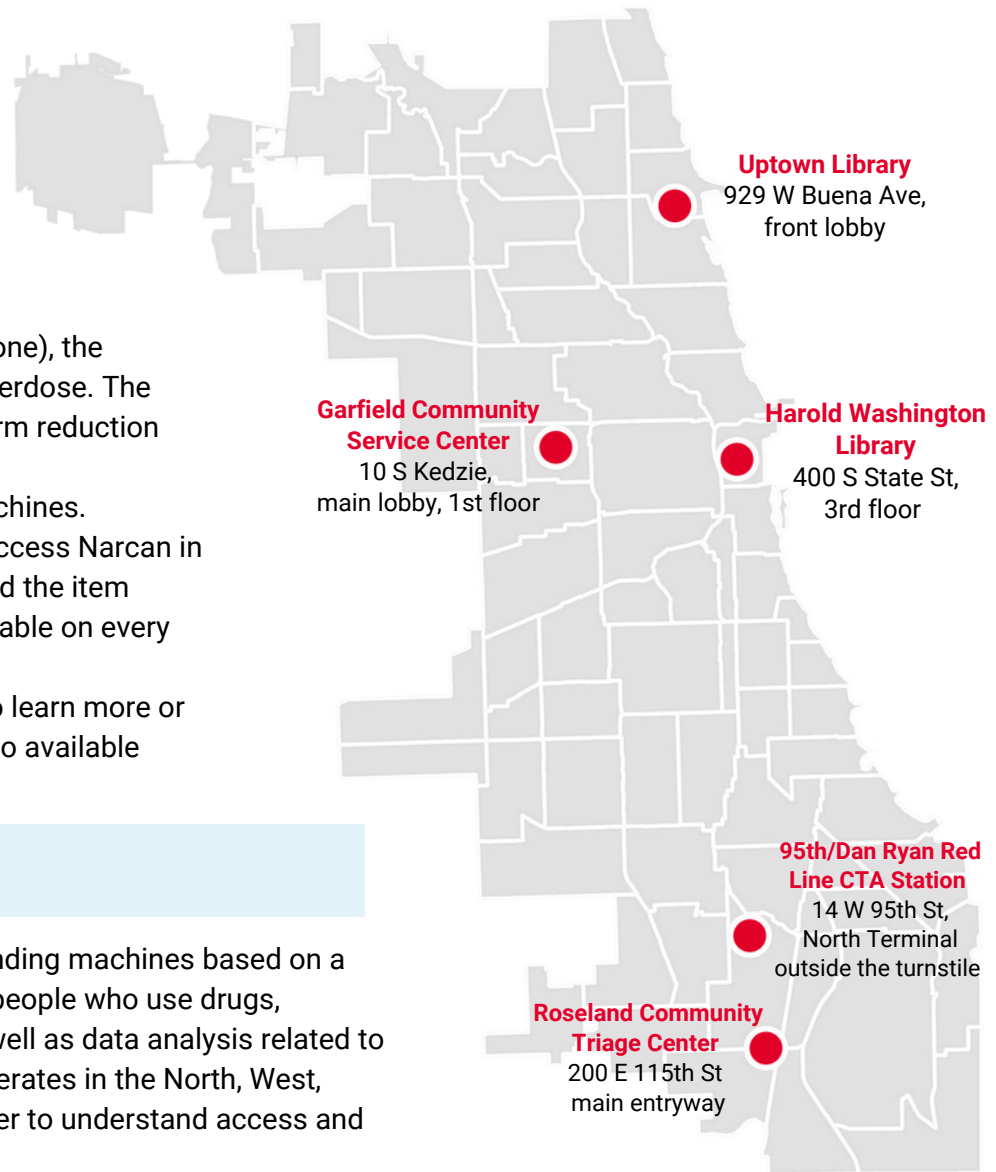


# PUBLIC HEALTH VENDING MACHINE PILOT PROGRAM

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](http://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**

Harold Washington Library went live

**November 4, 2023**

CTA Red Line went live

**November 7, 2023**

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 – FEBRUARY 28, 2025

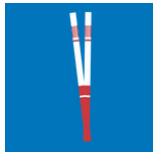
As of February 28, 2025, **3,764** pin codes were distributed and a total of **19,556** products were distributed from all 5 machines.



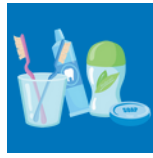
**Narcan  
(naloxone)**  
2,256 boxes



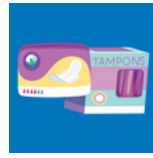
**Fentanyl  
Test Kits**  
1,185 kits



**Xylazine  
Test Kits**  
525 kits



**General  
Hygiene Kits**  
5,138 Kits



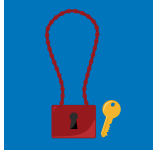
**Menstrual  
Hygiene Kits**  
2,762 Kits



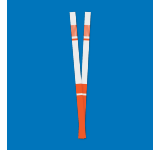
**Socks and  
Underwear**  
6,574 Kits



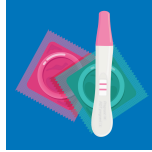
**Wound Care  
Kits**  
121 Kits



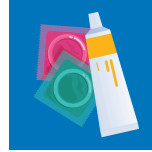
**Gun Locks**  
310 locks



**Nitazene  
Test Kits**  
63 kits



**Pregnancy  
Test Kits**  
100 kits



**Sexual  
Health Kits**  
126 kits



**Plan B Kits**  
99 kits



**Hats and  
Gloves**  
297 kits



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

## Housing

Of the 3,100 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

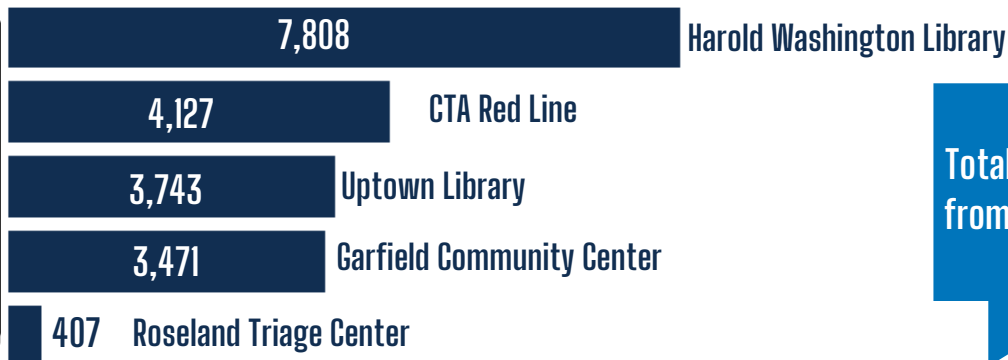
## Experienced or Witnessed an Overdose

Of the 2,999 people who reported this information, **15%** reported experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

Of the 3,048 people who reported this information, **39%** reported witnessing someone experiencing an overdose in their lifetime.

## Demographics

- **1,169** individuals self-identified as female & **1,455** self-identified as male
- **34%** of survey respondents identified as **Black or African American**
- The age of individuals ranged from **15 to 89 years**



Total items vended from each machine

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.