

# Overdose Medication Distribution Planned For Smyrna Wednesday

*Commissioner Navarro to provide Naloxone kits and training at event*

Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro, in collaboration with Public Health's Kent County Community Response Team, the First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna, and the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium will provide free training and opioid rescue kits to residents on **Wednesday, October 14 from 2:00 to 5:00PM**. The event, taking place outdoors at the **First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna, 118 W. Commerce St.** will offer both drive-through and walk up options in order to maintain social distancing.

"Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, we can't forget about the opioid epidemic. Addiction has its grip on our community, and with this event and others, we can make sure that Naloxone gets to individuals and families who may need it during an opioid overdose emergency" said **Commissioner Navarro**. "While we continue to work to ensure that treatment for those with drug dependencies is affordable and accessible, events like these offer an opportunity to increase awareness and education life-saving techniques and tools."

Attendees will spend roughly ten minutes being trained to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose emergency, as well as learning about local treatment and support resources. Opioid Rescue Kits, each containing two doses of Naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication, will be distributed. Residents who are at risk of experiencing an overdose, or individuals whose loved ones may be at risk, are strongly encouraged to attend.

If you or a loved one are struggling with substance abuse, do

not wait, find help today. The Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health launched the 24/7 Hope line to serve as a single point of contact for resources, info, clinical and peer support, and crisis assistance. Call **1-833-9-HOPEDE** or visit [HelpisHereDE.com](http://HelpisHereDE.com).

Any residents having problems obtaining insurance approval for treatment or prescriptions related to substance abuse or mental health needs, contact the Delaware Department of Insurance's Consumer Services Division by emailing [consumer@delaware.gov](mailto:consumer@delaware.gov) or calling **(302) 674-7300**.

Event attendees and media representatives must observe social distancing and wear a face covering.

*NOTE TO MEDIA: If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [Christina.Haas@Delaware.gov](mailto:Christina.Haas@Delaware.gov).*