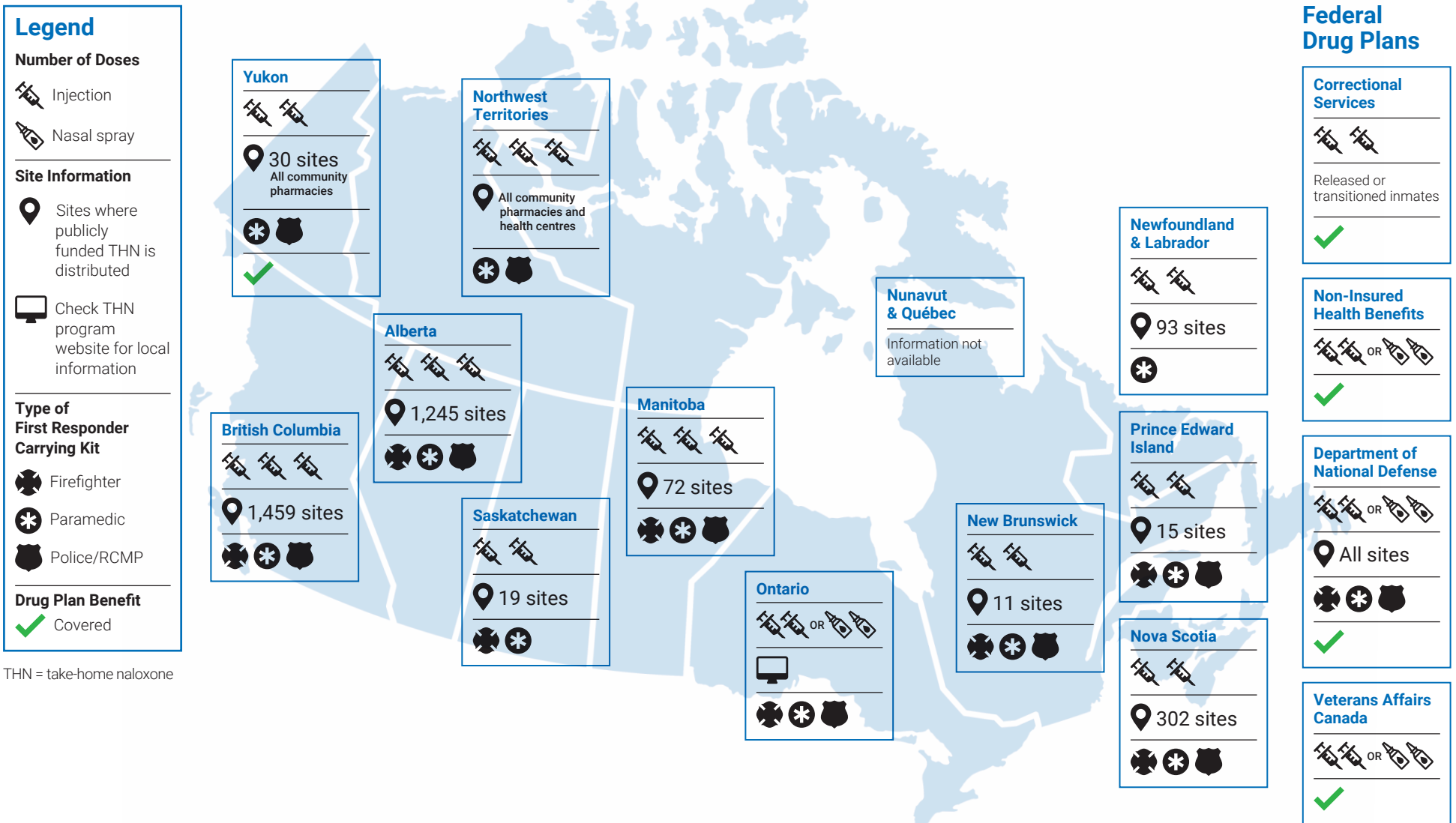


# Publicly Funded and Managed Naloxone Programs in Canada

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## What is Naloxone?

- A drug approved for use in Canada for over 40 years, now available without a prescription
- An essential medicine as listed by the World Health Organization
- Temporarily reverses the effect of opioids
- Can be administered in community or hospital settings (i.e., anywhere)
- Can be given by injection or by nasal spray
- Acts quickly and lasts only a short time (more than one dose may be needed)
- Can save the life of a person who has overdosed on opioids

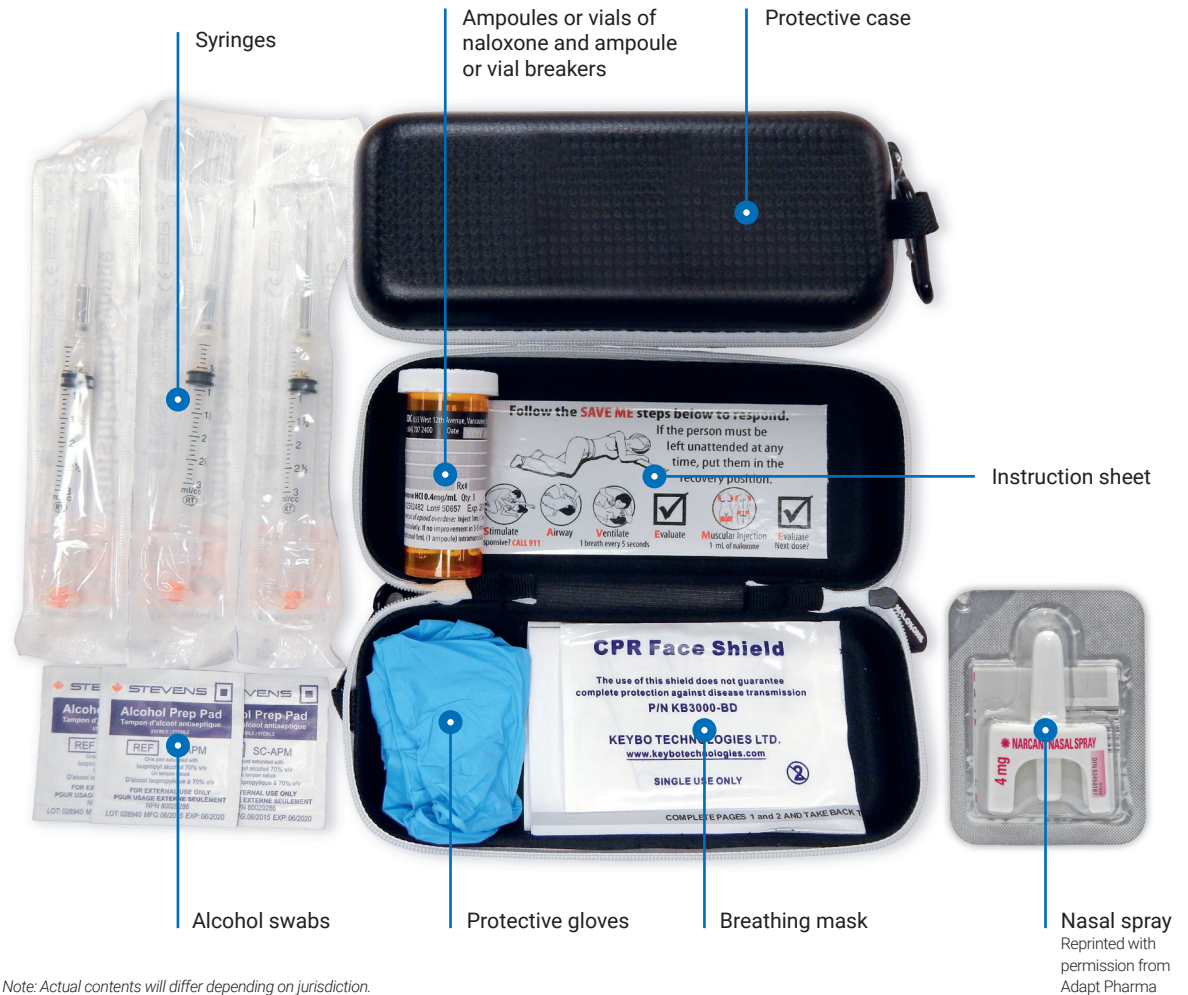
## Who is at Risk of an Opioid Overdose?

- Patients prescribed opioid medications
- First-time recreational opioid users
- Occasional recreational opioid users
- People with opioid use disorder (opioid addiction)
- People taking opioids together with other central nervous system depressants such as benzodiazepines or alcohol

### Disclaimer

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## What You Can Find in a Take-Home Naloxone Kit



Note: Actual contents will differ depending on jurisdiction.

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