

## EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION

The 2016 legislation in Massachusetts requires that parents, guardians, and other adults in a middle and high school extracurricular athlete's life such as School Nurses, Athletic Directors, Coaches and Athletic Trainers, receive educational materials on the dangers of opioid use and misuse. Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has developed educational materials on opioid misuse prevention and is partnering with schools across the state to share this information with students, parents and school personnel. Because of the risk of injury and the subsequent need for pain management, student athletes may be at risk for opioid misuse.

This is a reminder that this educational information, in written form, must be distributed to athletic staff and student athletes prior to the beginning of their athletic seasons.

Your leadership role is invaluable in supporting the distribution of these materials and coordinating with the sports and health-related staff in your school throughout all the sport seasons.

The materials can be downloaded from the MassTAPP website:

<http://masstapp.edc.org/rx-student-athlete>

Also, these materials can be ordered at the Mass. Health Promotion Clearinghouse at no charge at:

[https://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store\\_Code=MAC&Product\\_Code=SA3571&Category\\_Code=](https://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=MAC&Product_Code=SA3571&Category_Code=)

Thank you for partnering with us on this important issue! If you have any questions please contact, [kathleen.herr-zaya@state.ma.us](mailto:kathleen.herr-zaya@state.ma.us).

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