

CITY OF TIFFIN
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
April 17, 2026

- The weather continues to play a major factor in the Forevergreen Road and Jasper Avenue Improvements project (roundabout). However, the forecast for next week looks to be drier which should allow some of the underground work to begin. There also appears to be some ongoing confusion about the access of this intersection during construction. As a reminder, that intersection will remain open while work is underway.
- On Thursday morning, we met with LL Pelling and MSA at the fire station to complete a final review of the proposed regrading and repaving of the parking lot on the north side of the building. As previously discussed, this area experiences significant water issues during rain events due to its extremely flat grade. The proposed improvements are intended to better direct water toward the street, reducing pooling near the north entrance and helping prevent water from entering the fire station.
- Restoration work for the Original Town Project has been underway for the past two weeks. Overall, the work is progressing well, with only a few areas requiring additional attention. We plan to conduct a walk-through within the next couple of weeks to identify and address any remaining punchlist items.
- Included in the packet is a draft Mayoral Proclamation policy for your review. Pending any feedback, revisions, or Council direction, this item will be placed on the next agenda for formal consideration and approval.
- The next Joint Entities Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20st at 4:30 p.m. with a reception starting at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be hosted by University Heights at the Kinnick and Carver Rooms located on the first floor of the Courtyard by Marriott, 901 Melrose Avenue. The agenda and meeting packet is attached.
- Just a friendly reminder of the results of the special census: Tiffin's official population is now 7,577, which is an increase of 3,065 residents since the 2020 census. While the process faced challenges, including two shutdowns, the effort ultimately proved worthwhile. These results position the City well as we look ahead to the 2030 census.
- Just another friendly reminder the City-Wide Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th. We will mirror last year's process by continuing as a drop-off only process. We will be getting that information on the City's website and Facebook Page soon.



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City of Tiffin, Iowa Mayoral Proclamation Request Policy

Purpose

A proclamation is an official announcement issued by the Mayor to recognize a day, week, or month that has significance to the Tiffin community. Proclamations are intended to honor, celebrate, or raise awareness of events, causes, or achievements that positively impact the community.

Eligibility & Criteria

The City receives many requests to present both new and annually recurring proclamations each and every month. As such, formal presentation of proclamations at City Council meetings is limited and the following guidelines have been established by the Mayor's office to ensure all requests can be appropriately considered and reviewed in advance.

To be considered, proclamation requests must meet the following:

- Have local significance to the Tiffin community
- Promote a positive message or community benefit
- Be requested by a Tiffin resident, organization, or group with a local connection
- Recognize a specific date, week, or month

Proclamations will **not** be issued for:

- Political campaigns or election-related matters
- Religious or ideological advocacy
- Commercial or for-profit promotion
- Matters that conflict with City policies or applicable laws

Issuance of a proclamation does not constitute endorsement by the City.

Request Process

To request a proclamation:

1. Submit a written request to the City Clerk's Office.
2. Include a draft proclamation (preferred format includes "Whereas" statements)
3. Provide the following:
 - Name of organization or individual being recognized
 - Requested proclamation date
 - Contact information
 - Name of representative (if attending a Council meeting)
4. Submit requests at least 30 days in advance of the desired date
 - Requests are reviewed by City staff and approved at the Mayor's discretion
 - The City reserves the right to edit submitted language for clarity, format, and appropriateness
 - Proclamations must be requested each year (they are not automatically renewed)

City of Tiffin - Mayoral Proclamation Request Policy

Content Guidelines

Proclamations should:

- Be inclusive and respectful of the community's diversity
- Focus on education, awareness, or recognition
- Avoid controversial or divisive topics
- Reflect values that align with the City's mission and community standards

Presentation at City Council Meetings

Proclamation requests are reviewed by City staff and the Mayor. The City will notify the requestor regarding if and when a proclamation will be issued and whether a presentation at a City Council meeting is available.

If scheduled for presentation, the requesting organization or individual is encouraged to attend the meeting to receive the proclamation from the Mayor. A representative may be invited to offer brief remarks (2–3 minutes).

Guidelines for Receiving a Proclamation at a Council Meeting

- Proclamations are typically presented near the beginning of the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early.
- If you or someone in your group requires accommodations, please notify City staff in advance so arrangements can be made.
- The Mayor may read all or a portion of the proclamation. Representatives will be invited forward to accept it and may bring others with them.
- Representatives should briefly introduce themselves and others present, including names, titles, and organization.
- If invited, representatives may provide brief comments (approximately 2–3 minutes).
- After the presentation, attendees are welcome to remain for the meeting or depart at their convenience.

Additional Information

The City receives numerous requests and cannot guarantee approval or presentation timing. Approved proclamations may be included in City Council agendas, minutes, or other official records

Contact

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Abigail Hora, City Clerk
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Tiffin, Iowa 52340
ahora@tiffin-iowa.org

Joint Entities Meeting

Johnson County Board of Supervisors, City of Iowa City, City of Coralville, City of North Liberty, City of Tiffin, City of Hills, City of University Heights, Iowa City Community School District, Clear Creek Amana School District, University of Iowa

Monday, April 20, 2026

Meeting Location: **Kinnick & Carver Rooms, 1st floor Courtyard by Marriott University Heights, 901 Melrose Ave.**

Meeting Time: **4:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Discussion/update of the following:
 - A. Update on grant application to Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Conservation Education Program for soil health education within Johnson County public schools (*Kasey Hutchinson, Johnson County Environmental Regulations Coordinator*)
 - I. Attachment: [Conservation Education Program Funding Opportunity.pdf](#)
 - B. Field mediation update (*Mandi Remington, Johnson County Supervisor*)
 - I. Attachment: [Field mediation update Dignity Best Practices.pdf](#)
 - C. Sheriff's Office and Jail Bond Referendum update (*Brad Kunkel, Johnson County Sheriff*)
 - D. Update on HeartSafe community survival statistics, PulsePoint, 24/7 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the community, and increasing access to AEDs for local businesses through an AED cost-sharing program (*Fiona Johnson, Johnson County Ambulance Director*)
 - I. Attachment: [HeartSafe Information.pdf](#)
 - E. Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Program update: Overview of the MIH program's role in the community, including Opioid Use Disorder grant-funded efforts, referral pathways for community partners, emerging substance use, and harm reduction strategies such as the Narcan leave-behind program (*Genevieve Anglin, Johnson County Grants Manager and Fiona Johnson, Johnson County Ambulance Director*)
 - I. Attachment: [MIH/OU.D.pdf](#)
 - F. Regional Transit / Paratransit Connections (*Iowa City*)
 - G. Swisher Tract Shared Use Trails Project (*University Heights*)
4. Adjournment

Entity in parenthesis requested the item be placed on the agenda.

Upcoming Meeting Dates/Hosts

- July 20, 2026 – Johnson County
- October 19, 2026 – Iowa City Community School District
- January 11, 2027 – Coralville

Executive Summary

- Meeting Date:** April 20, 2026
- Agenda Item:** Consider grant application to Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Resource Enhancement & Protection (REAP) Conservation Education Program for soil health education within Johnson County public schools
- Prepared by/Contact:** Kasey Hutchinson, Environmental Regulations Coordinator, Johnson County Department of Planning, Development & Sustainability
- Attachments:** Summary Slides

Background

Johnson County Soil Quality Restoration Program, Pocket Prairie, and County Right-of-Way (ROW) Soil Sampling Programs comprise Johnson County Soil Health. These programs help raise awareness of the importance of soil as natural infrastructure and the importance on preserving and improving soil health. As part of Johnson County Soil Health education and awareness efforts, the Department of Planning, Development & Sustainability (PDS), would like to apply for an Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Conservation Education Program (CEP) grant, to extend soil health education to 7-12th grade students in Johnson County public schools during the 2027-2028 school year. The IDNR REAP CEP awards funding of up to \$10,000 for small grants. PDS will team with Scott Koepke, founder of Garden Bridge Outreach as well as a Johnson County Soil Health ROW Soil Sampling Program partner, to coordinate school assemblies where Mr. Koepke will implement his established and popular healthy soil microbiology teaching platform. Johnson County PDS seeks to communicate with, and gain buy-in, from schools located throughout the county.



Johnson County Soil Health – Conservation Education Opportunity

JOINT ENTITIES MEETING – UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

APRIL 20, 2026

KASEY HUTCHINSON - JOHNSON COUNTY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

SCOTT KOEPKE - GARDEN BRIDGE OUTREACH

Johnson County Soil Health – Conservation Education

- ▶ Johnson County Soil Health Programs
 - ▶ Soil Quality Restoration
 - ▶ Pocket Prairie
 - ▶ County ROW Soil Sampling

Johnson County Soil Health

Soil is a Resource

Soil provides services and functions that are essential for life. For one, soil is an important source for medicine (such as penicillin). Dirt alone (clay, sand, silt) cannot support life. It is soil that provides the growing medium for plants from which food is derived. Soil also filters and cleans our water, reduces flooding, and plays a crucial role in nutrient cycles, including the capture and storage of carbon. Soil has immense biodiversity - nearly 25% of species on Earth live underground, and a single teaspoon contains up to 6 billion microorganisms!

Preserving and Improving Soil Health

Soil is arguably the most underappreciated resource of the natural world. As our soil health is depleted, so too is the ability to provide the vital services and functions. Soil health involves treating the soil as the living ecosystem that it is. This includes returning organic matter to the soil on a continual basis. The **Johnson County Soil Health Programs** offer residents the opportunity to do just that!

Dig In!

Johnson County provides two opportunities for residents to improve soil health on their properties. In addition, the County also collects soil data on County right-of-way along public roads to assess the effects of different land management practices on soil health. **To learn more and participate in these programs, follow the links below.**

[Soil Quality Restoration Program →](#)

[Pocket Prairie Program →](#)

[Right-of-Way Soil Sampling Program →](#)

Johnson County Soil Health – Conservation Education

- ▶ Johnson County Soil Health supports:
 - ▶ Healthy soil education
 - ▶ Public engagement
 - ▶ Actions on private property

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Johnson County Soil Health – Conservation Education

- ▶ \$350,000 awarded annually
- ▶ Formal and non-formal education projects and programs supported
- ▶ Funding provides support for hands on and interactive types of educational experiences including workshops
- ▶ Applications are due February 20th annually
- ▶ Small grant application available for projects requesting <\$10,000



Conservation Education Program (CEP)

This money is available to grantees for programs that teach people of all ages about their environment and how to make intelligent, informed decisions about its well-being. \$350,000 is available for this program. The DNR administers the conservation education program. **Conservation Education Program Grant Resources**

(254.2 KB) [.pdf](#)

Johnson County Soil Health – Conservation Education

- ▶ Partner with Scott Koepke of Garden Bridge Outreach
- ▶ Provide soil health education for 5th-12th grade students in schools located in Johnson County via school assemblies
- ▶ Tie in Johnson County Soil Health programs



Johnson County Soil Health – Conservation Education

- ▶ **April 2026**
 - ▶ Present at Joint Entities meeting in University Heights
 - ▶ Ongoing – interface with schools
- ▶ **Late 2026**
 - ▶ Develop grant application
- ▶ **February 2027**
 - ▶ Submit application for funding
- ▶ **Spring 2027**
 - ▶ Schedule assemblies for fall 2027





Expanding CommUnity Capacity: Field Mediation Training

Presented by: Dignity Best Practices

What is Field Mediation?

- Mobile crisis response to interpersonal disputes
- Involves neutrality and empowerment
- Pioneered in Dayton, OH



Outcomes

- Crisis responders are equipped for conflict and diffusing tension
- Community members building capacity for relationship repair
- Returns capacity to law enforcement for urgent calls

Technical Assistance Grant



Implementation Support:

- January 2026 - March 2027
- Site Visits

Updates

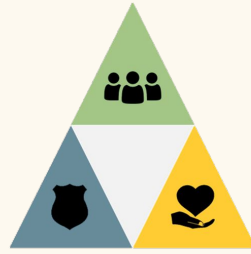
- Site Visit
- Working Group Launch
- CAD Data Collection
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Community Engagement
- Field Protocol Updates
- Training Procurement



Next Steps

- Curriculum Design
- Messaging/Awareness Campaign
- Continuous Stakeholder Engagement





Dignity
Best Practices

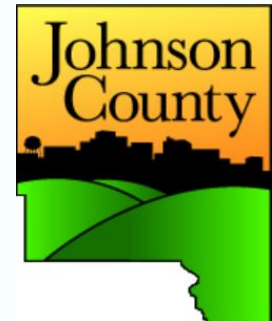
Stay in Touch!

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Johnson Co. Ambulance Service & Rotary Kerber HeartSafe Community Campaign update 4/20/2026

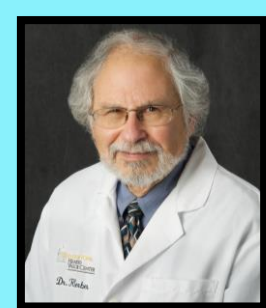


Iowa City
Rotary
Club (Noon)



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Rotary Kerber HeartSafe - Mission

Increase the survival rate of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) victims in Johnson County by motivating laypersons to intervene effectively using cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Our Goal

A trained and willing bystander present at every cardiac arrest, willing to assist w/CPR and AED use



Johnson County - Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival

Survival to discharge from the hospital with good neurologic outcome in 2025 - **19.8% survival**

120% increase in survival rates in Johnson Co. since 2020

Twice the national average of 10% survival from sudden cardiac arrest



Heart Month Proclamation–Johnson County, IC, NL, CV



City of Iowa City PROCLAMATION

Whereas, heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, affecting individuals, families, and communities across all ages and backgrounds; and

Whereas, American Heart Month, observed each February, provides an opportunity to raise awareness about heart health and cardiovascular disease prevention; and

Whereas, sudden cardiac arrest can occur without warning, and survival depends on the immediate activation of the Chain of Survival, including early recognition, prompt 911 activation, early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), rapid defibrillation using an automated external defibrillator (AED), and advanced medical care; and

Whereas, bystander intervention through hands-only CPR and AED use can double or triple a person's chance of survival, making community education and preparedness essential to saving lives; and

Whereas, PulsePoint is a critical tool that empowers trained residents to respond to nearby cardiac emergencies, strengthening community response and bridging the gap until first responders arrive; and

Whereas, Iowa City has demonstrated a strong commitment to cardiovascular health and emergency preparedness by being recognized as a HeartSafe Community, promoting CPR training, AED accessibility, and public awareness; and

Whereas, we reaffirm our commitment to bystander intervention, heart health education, and community collaboration to save lives and make Iowa City a safer, healthier place for all; and

Whereas, we recommend local businesses, housing complexes, and hotels acquire an AED to help preserve life by bridging the critical time gap before paramedics arrive. These devices are designed for untrained bystanders to use, providing simple voice and visual prompts to deliver life-saving shocks within minutes.

Now, therefore, I, Bruce Teague, Mayor of Iowa City, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026, to be

American Heart Month

in Iowa City, Iowa, and encourage residents to learn the signs of cardiac arrest, participate in CPR and AED training, and download and use PulsePoint.



Bruce Teague
Mayor
Signed in Iowa City, Iowa,
the 17th day of February 2026.

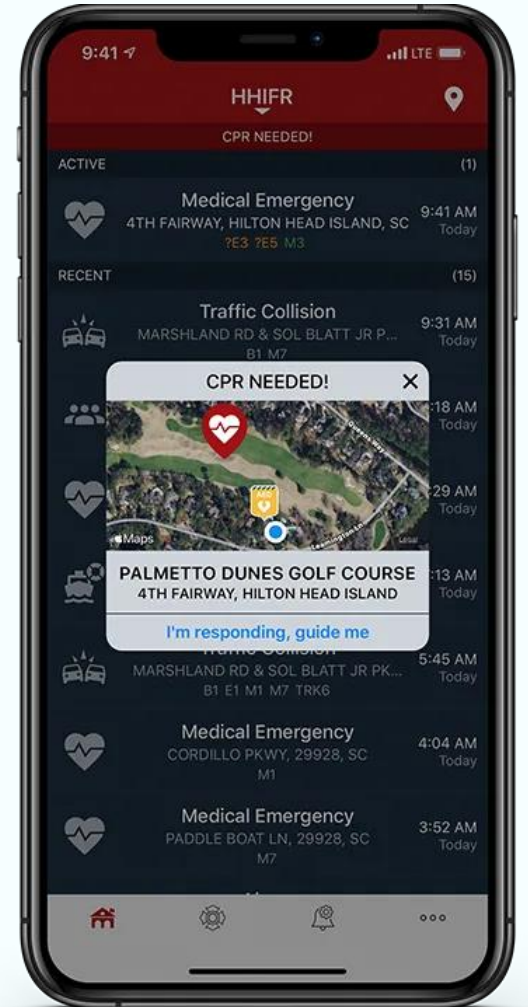
PulsePoint- Cardiac Arrest Notification App

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is not just a job for emergency responders but rather a community-based issue that requires a community-based response.

The first three links in the chain of survival must be completed by members of our community before help arrives

PulsePoint

**GET THE APP.
SAVE A LIFE.**



Great job everyone!

Special recognition to Oxford!

71% of Oxford residents
have downloaded PulsePoint

4% of Johnson County
Residents have downloaded
PulsePoint


Monthly Active Users (MAU)	Dec-25	1-Jan	Feb-26	1-Mar
Coralville (24770) 4%	871	858	975	1026
Hills (935) 4%	308	298	331	353
Iowa City (77608) 2%	1045	1040	1164	1230
Lone Tree (1336) 2%	295	290	321	328
North Liberty (22604) 5%	881	877	1001	1061
Oxford (714) ~71%	422	433	473	510
Solon (3405) 18%	497	540	607	611
Swisher-Jeff. Monroe (905) 47%	360	358	397	423
Tiffin (7730) 9%	561	565	650	726
JoCo 161,225 4%	5240	5259	5919	6268
	2% dec	0.4% inc	12.5% inc.	6% inc.

23% overall increase since January 2025



Collaboration w/Public Libraries

- The Campaign has donated CPR training manikins and AED trainers for library check out at IC, CV & NL
- Program is expanding to Tiffin, Swisher, Solon & Oxford

HARD & FAST LIFESAVING ESSENTIALS 

On any given day, anyone can have a sudden cardiac arrest. This includes neighbors, friends, or your family. Staying calm, recognizing the emergency, calling 911, starting chest compressions and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) CAN save a life.

Cardiac arrest can be fatal if help is not provided right away. Every second matters. Survival can be as high as 90% if compressions are started within the first few minutes of the emergency. You can make a difference! Follow the instructions in this guide to help save a life.

It is important to know how to recognize an Emergency and Take Action.

Action Steps to Save a life:


1. Check the area for hazards
2. Call for help if someone is ill, injured or you are unsure
3. Care for the person

Be prepared to perform chest compressions (CPR) and use an automated external defibrillator (AED.)

Remember 'CCC' for Check, Call and Care

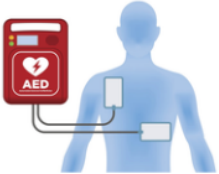
WHAT IS CPR?

CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, is an emergency lifesaving procedure performed when a person's heart stops and they are not breathing normally or not breathing at all. By pushing hard and fast on the center of the chest (compressions), you keep blood flowing to the brain and vital organs until medical help arrives.



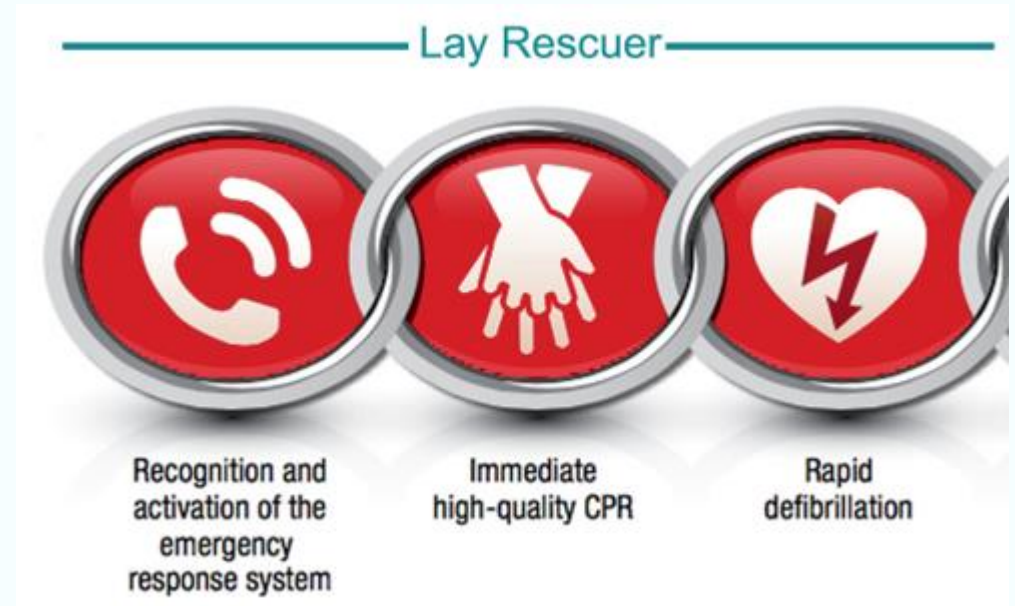
WHAT IS AN AED?

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a lifesaving tool that can be used to shock a heart into working properly.




Actions Items

- Learn CPR
- Know where AEDs in your community are located
- Download PulsePoint
- Ask local businesses, housing complexes and large gathering areas where their Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located
- Recommend local businesses, housing complexes and large gathering places get an AED if they don't already have one



Actions Items

Call 319-688-5954 or visit Johnson County website
To schedule a time to Learn CPR and how to use an AED

Purchase an AED
contact iowaheartsafe.org

Visit our websites:
iowaheartsafe.org &
johnsoncountyiowa.gov/ambulance



TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE LIVES!



MIH & OUD

Mike Mothershed,
Kris Kron,
Community Paramedics,
Mobile Integrated Health,
Johnson County Ambulance Service

Mobile Integrated Health / Community Paramedicine



- MIH is a relatively new and expanding field of health care provided by community paramedics integrated into the local or regional health care systems and overseen by emergency and primary care physicians”
- Community Paramedics (CPs) are advanced practice paramedics that work to increase access to primary and preventive care and decrease use of EMS and emergency departments.
- CPs can provide health assessments, home safety assessments, fall risk assessments, chronic disease monitoring and education, medication management, connections to local health resources, hospital discharge follow-up care and minor medical procedures

Kristina Kron, PM (she/her/hers)

Paramedic | Mobile Integrated Health |

Johnson County Ambulance Service

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Opioid Settlement Funds Grant

Goal: expand MIH to better support individuals with OUD or SUD

- Connect individuals to local resources including treatment programs
- Close the gaps between emergency response, crisis stabilization, and sustained engagement in care following substance-related EMS encounters
- Increase access to naloxone education and distribution
- Strengthen referral pathways and warm handoffs to MOUD, treatment, and recovery supports
- Train a regional cohort of Community Paramedics that will be equipped to support harm reduction and treatment linkage

Locations and Contact Information

UI Health Care Behavioral Health Clinic

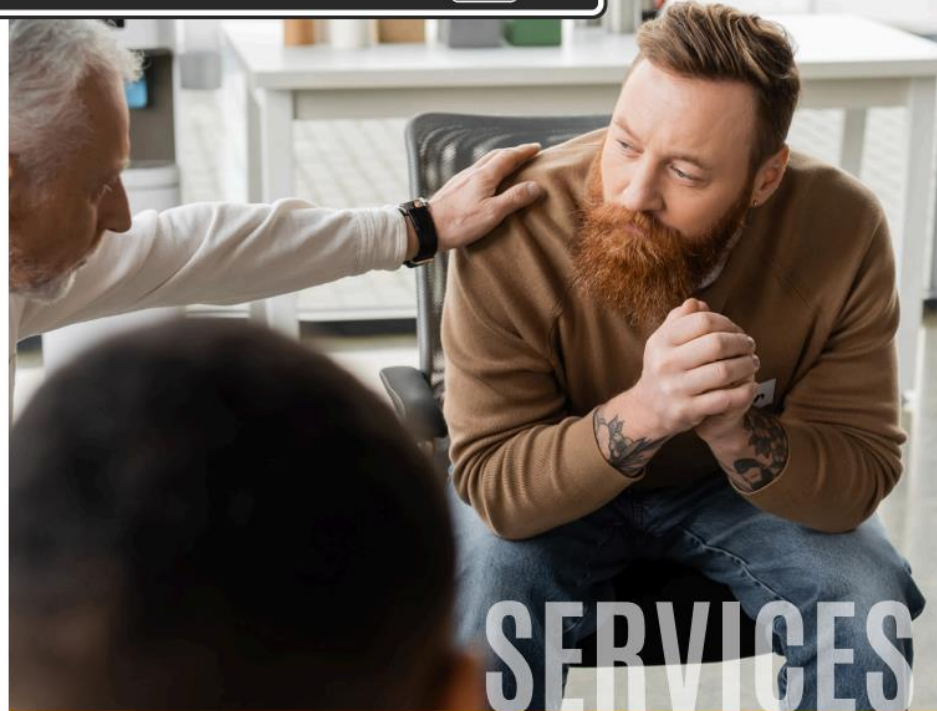
200 Hawkins Drive
John Pappajohn Pavilion (JPP), Level 1,
near Elevator I
Iowa City, IA 52242
Phone: 319-335-6980

UI Health Care Scott Boulevard Clinic

Walk-In Hours:
Wednesdays 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
3640 Middlebury Road
Iowa City, IA 52245

Email: uiarc@healthcare.uiowa.edu

<https://uiarc.uiowa.edu/>



UI ADDICTION & RECOVERY COLLABORATIVE (UI ARC)

We provide a full range of services for adults who are seeking care and treatment for a substance use disorder to support their recovery.

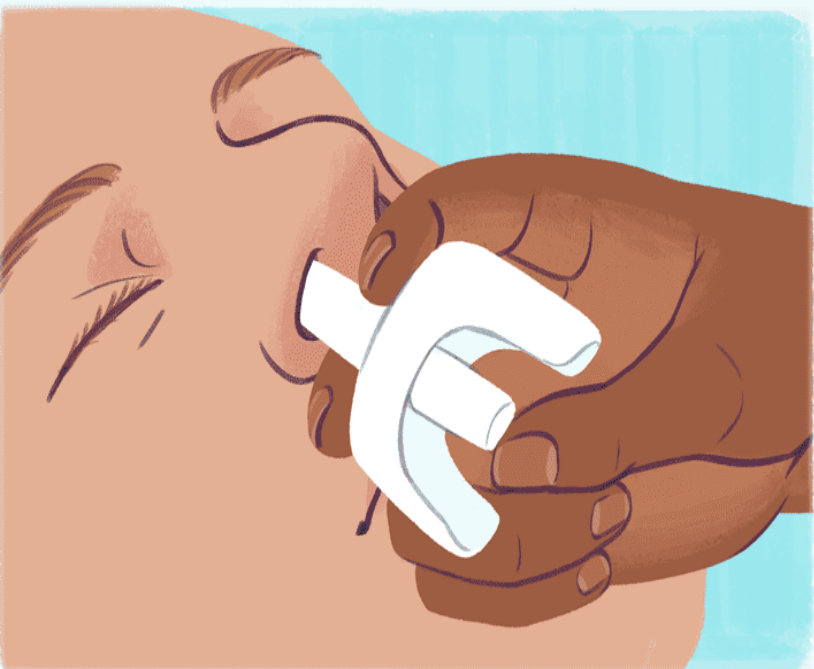
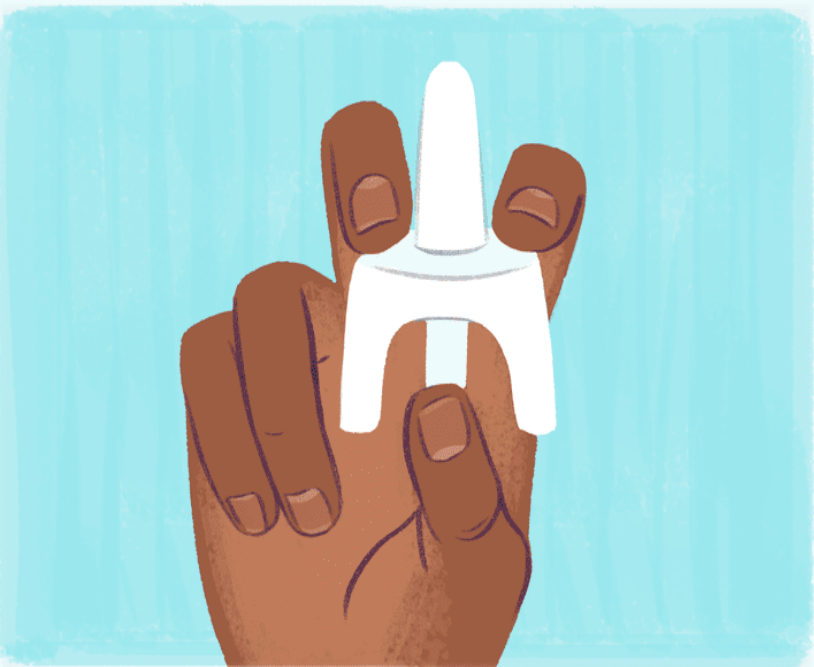
Treatment of OUD

- MIH follow-up after Narcan deployment
- Connect individual with UI ARC and other treatment resources
- Reassessment and feedback to providers after treatment initiation



Kratom, 7OH, MGM15

- Readily available “legal opioid”
- Alkaloids that bind to opioid receptors
- Synthetically enhanced (7OH, MGM15) 22x stronger than Morphine
- Responds to Narcan, Symptoms of opiate withdrawal



Johnson County Narcan Give Away Program

- Opioid “reversal”
- Vending Machines located JCHHS, Deadwood Tavern, CV Library, NL Library
- Walk-in at Guidelink Center or Johnson County Ambulance Service