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## Chapel Hill, Orange County restaurant sanitation scores added to Yelp

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Now, diners in Orange County can check a restaurant's sanitation record through the restaurant review website [Yelp.com](#).

Restaurant sanitation scores from the Orange County Health Department are still available through the [agency's own website](#).

[Connie Pixley](#), Orange County's environmental health food and lodging supervisor, says after reviewing the county's Web statistics, the agency decided to reach out to Yelp (NYSE: YELP) about making its ratings for more than 300 restaurant establishments in the county and its municipalities more accessible.

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## Police departments prepare to fight overdoses

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Soon, the Chapel Hill and Carrboro police departments will be better equipped to respond to calls and save lives.

Over the summer, both departments received training on how to administer Naloxone, a drug that counteracts the effects of opioid overdoses.

Although Orange County's overdose death rate is lower than the state's, the departments want to step up to combat a growing problem, said Stacy Shelp, communications manager for the Orange County Health Department.

Orange County saw more than 130 emergency department visits in 2012 due to unintentional overdose, as well as more than 50 hospitalizations in 2011, according to NC DETECT and The N.C. Injury and Violence Prevention Branch respectively.

"We're seeing an increase in opiate deaths," said Capt. Cornell Lamb of the Carrboro Police Department. Traditional opiates such as heroin are not to blame for the sudden rise, Shelp said. Rather, prescription medicines are the cause of many overdoses in Orange County.

From 2008 to 2011, an average of 1 in 6 Orange County residents were prescribed an outpatient prescription for an opioid, according to data from Project Lazarus. And since 2011, about 70 percent of yearly poisoning deaths in Orange County were attributed to prescription opioids. This is an increase from about 58 percent 10 years ago, Shelp said.

In December, the Orange County Health Department became the first health department in North Carolina to issue a standing order for Naloxone. The health department can hand the drug out and provide training on how to administer it, Shelp said.

Shelp said that anyone who is at risk or has a family member at risk can receive the drug. "The more people that have access to this, the more lives that can be saved," she said. Shelp said that the drug works by counteracting the depression of the central nervous system and allowing a victim to breathe normally. However, she warned that the drug is only a short-term solution, working for 20 to 90 minutes.

Since December, the health department has dispensed the drug to one person at the Southern Human Services Center in Chapel Hill and two people at the Whitted Human Services Center in Hillsborough. Now, local police are ready to take up the tools to administer the drug.

Although Carrboro is waiting for some paperwork to be filed and Chapel Hill has the drug on backorder, both departments will soon be able to take action on overdose calls.

"We're hoping to outfit every officer so it's not just one person on a shift with a pen," Lamb said. "We're giving officers more tools to save lives," said Sgt. Bryan Walker of the Chapel Hill Police Department. "Any program that allows us to do something more on one of these calls ... is better for us and better for the public."