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Narcan should be readily available on Rhode Island beaches to save lives in the event of an opioid overdose. As public spaces, beaches are not immune to the ongoing opioid crisis, and having Narcan accessible can mean the difference between life and death. The presence of trained staff and bystanders equipped with Narcan can ensure a swift response, preventing fatal overdoses and giving individuals a second chance at recovery. While I haven't personally witnessed an overdose during my time working on Rhode Island beaches, I know they have happened. It's a harsh reality that opioid overdoses can happen anywhere, even in places meant for relaxation and recreation. Knowing that these situations occur makes it clear that having Narcan available is essential. Beaches should be a place of safety, and having Narcan on hand ensures we can protect every life that comes through.

Chloe Saintis

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