



Yamhill County
Health and Human Services
Public Health

ALERT

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Providers**

To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health

Date: **2/24/25**

Regarding: **Increase in Fatal Overdoses in Yamhill County**

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7525**

Dear Community Partner,

We are writing to inform you of a concerning rise in fatal overdose cases reported in Yamhill County over the past week.

Local emergency departments and first responders have noted a significant uptick, suggesting a potential surge in potent synthetic opioids such as fentanyl in the community.

Key Details:

- **Increase Observed:** Three fatal overdoses in two days, compared to a recent monthly rate of 3-4 fatalities per month.
- **Groups Affected:** Primarily affecting males, aged 30-59.
- **Geographic Hotspots:** Greater McMinnville area.

Recommended Actions for Providers:

- **Increase Vigilance:** Be aware of the symptoms of opioid overdose, including respiratory depression, pinpoint pupils, and unconsciousness.
- **Stock and Administer Naloxone:** Ensure adequate supply of naloxone (Narcan) and be prepared to administer multiple doses due to the potency of synthetic opioids.
- **Patient Education:** Counsel patients about the risks of opioid use and the availability of naloxone.
- **Enhanced Screening:** Screen patients for opioid use and provide information on local addiction support services.

Resources and Support:

- [Link to Yamhill County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Resources](#)
- [Link to Yamhill County Opioid Overdose Prevention Resources](#)

- Request naloxone doses and/or training [here](#).
 - Get Help Now - Resources for people in crisis
 - Yamhill County Mental Health Crisis Line: 844-842-8200
 - Provoking Hope 24/7 Crisis Line: 971-312-3752

 - Non-Emergency Resources:
 - Provoking Hope: 971-261-2259
 - Yamhill County Adult Behavioral Health: 503-434-7523
 - Yamhill County Family and Youth Services: 503-434-7462
 - Mental Health Peer Support provided by Project ABLE: 503-474-5509
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Your proactive response and continued vigilance are crucial in addressing this public health concern. We appreciate your dedication to the health and safety of our community.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Yamhill County Public Health.