

PUBLIC HEALTH OPIOID ADVISORY



Multiple Overdoses

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Attention: Oxford and Elgin Counties

- Southwestern Public Health has received a report from a community partner of two fatal overdoses and multiple non fatal poisonings that occurred this week.
- At this time we are unable to determine if these overdoses are related or the specific substances involved.

In case of overdose:

- Call 911.
- Give naloxone if an opioid overdose is suspected (it may take more than one dose).
- Stay with and assist the person until paramedics arrive.
- The person should go to the hospital with the paramedics for further treatment.

Organizations should:

- Be aware that demand for your services may increase.
- Share this information with your clients.
- Monitor the situation closely and report any new observations to Southwestern Public Health.

If you use substances:

- Don't use alone.
- Avoid mixing substances.
- Start with a small amount first.
- Carry a naloxone kit.