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HCP Advisory: Reports of Opioid Overdose in Kenora

Northwestern Health Unit is advising health workers and partners that there have been reports of opioid overdoses in Kenora in the past few weeks related to new street drugs. It is believed to be fentanyl that has been mixed in with other drugs that are causing these overdoses. The NWHU is cautioning all individuals who are using illicit substances to be mindful that certain substances currently circulating within the drug subculture can be fatal if consumed. Please let any clients or patients know the risks associated with the use of street acquired drugs and how to reduce the likelihood of overdose.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Key Messages

- Use one drug at a time, or use less of each drug if you are mixing.
- Use less drug when your tolerance is low, like when not using for a few days.
- Try a small amount of drug first if you are getting it from anywhere other than a pharmacy, in case it is not what you were expecting.
- Use with a friend (Do NOT share any equipment), leave your door unlocked or call someone before to let them know you are about to use.
- Get a Naloxone kit, which can reverse an opioid overdose.

Naloxone is available for free for people who use drugs as well as their friends and family. Contact the NWHU for more information on how you can get a Naloxone kit.

For surveillance information on Opioids in the region please visit:

- [Opioids in Our Communities](#)

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