

Missouri Partners in Prevention focuses its efforts on health and wellbeing topics that pose significant risks to young adults across the state of Missouri. One of these important topics includes the increase of overdose deaths attributed to the rise in fentanyl and other synthetic opioids.

The prevalence of fentanyl-laced substances in all shapes and forms is increasing across the state, reflected in the statistic that Missouri's overdose death rate is currently higher than the national average¹. In Missouri, more than 50 percent of confiscated fake prescription pills that contain fentanyl². Additionally, this year the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) confiscated enough fentanyl laced substances to effectively kill everyone in the United States³. Unfortunately, fentanyl and other non-heroin opioids are now the number one cause of deaths for young people in Missouri⁴. Among college students, opioid related overdoses are lower than in other communities. However, college students do purchase and use prescription pills purchased from illegal sources. These pills have a high likelihood of being contaminated with substances that can cause overdose or death.

It is possible to reduce the number of opioid related overdose deaths both on campus and in the community, but only when everyone in the community is informed of the risks and educated on how to respond. This checklist aims to give both campuses and students the knowledge necessary to notice the signs of opioid overdose, how to respond to an opioid overdose, and how to prevent an opioid overdose from happening.

Marking "yes" or "no" on this checklist does not show a lack of care in the campus community but will provide campus leaders and health professionals with the opportunity to have conversations about how to effectively focus efforts to prevent overdose on campus in the future. Furthermore, there is an area for notes at the bottom to brainstorm or jot down any thoughts for planning. If you have any questions, please contact Hope Edwards at haedwards@mail.missouri.edu.

College/University Name:

Date:

Rationale & Definitions

Yes	No	Explanation or rationale for Narcan/Naloxone availability on campus
Yes	No	Comprehensive Definitions of all Narcan/Naloxone products
Yes	No	Comprehensive Definitions of Good Samaritan/Amnesty Policy Law on campus
Yes	No	Comprehensive Definitions of opioid use/misuse
Yes	No	Comprehensive Definitions of fentanyl & potential of substance lacing
Yes	No	Comprehensive Definitions of xylazine & potential of substance lacing

Campus environment surrounding Narcan/Naloxone

Yes	No	Requires Narcan for public safety/police department on campus
Yes	No	Provides access to Narcan/Naloxone for all students on campus
Yes	No	Provides access to Narcan/Naloxone for all staff/faculty on campus
Yes	No	Provides access to Narcan/Naloxone in AED, first aid kits, or other places to access 24/7
Yes	No	Offers training for any persons on campus for Narcan/Naloxone use
Yes	No	Offers training/information for any person on campus for fentanyl test strip use
Yes	No	Trains Residential Advisors on signs & symptoms of opioid overdose
Yes	No	Provides Deterra bags for those prescribed opioids from the student health center
Yes	No	Provides locking caps for those prescribed opioids from student health center

Yes	No	Collects data annually about student's opioid use or misuse
Yes	No	Provides annual fentanyl education and intervention training for Greek Life groups
Yes	No	Offer access to fentanyl test strips for students
Yes	No	Encourages students and staff to acquire training for prescription use/misuse at MoSafeRx (mopiptraining.org/msrx/)
Yes	No	Encourages students and staff to acquire training for being a recovery ally at Recovery Ally Training (mopiptraining.org/macro.html)

Cessation & Treatment Services

Yes	No	Offers peer support through collegiate recovery programs
Yes	No	Offers connections to local recovery-based services
Yes	No	Offers on campus or referral to local counseling services for opioid use disorder/opioid misuse

Policy Communication

Yes	No	Provides signage of where to access Narcan/Naloxone in residence hall
Yes	No	Provides signage of where to access Narcan/Naloxone in Greek housing
Yes	No	Provides signage of signs & symptoms of opioid overdose in residence hall
Yes	No	Provides signage of signs & symptoms of opioid overdose in Greek housing
Yes	No	Provides signage of Good Samaritan Law in residence hall
Yes	No	Provides signage of Good Samaritan Law in Greek housing
Yes	No	Policy regarding Good Samaritan Law or amnesty policy is listed on school website
Yes	No	Knowledge of where to access Narcan/Naloxone is listed on the school website
Yes	No	Knowledge of where to obtain training for Narcan/Naloxone is listed on the school website
Yes	No	All incoming students are given information regarding the Good Samaritan Law
Yes	No	All incoming students are given information regarding opioid use/misuse and fentanyl
Yes	No	All incoming students are briefed on where to access Narcan/ Naloxone and receive Narcan training

Misc Harm Reduction

Yes	No	Offers resources/training other information on a canvas or student access site about opioid use & misuse
Yes	No	Offers resources/training other information on a canvas or student access site about Narcan
Yes	No	Displays social norming campaigns regarding opioid use/misuse where students can see
Yes	No	Displays graphics that encourage reduction of stigma for opioid/prescription misuse
Yes	No	Offers harm reduction kits for student to order that include fentanyl test strips, Narcan, and resources
Yes	No	Offer pamphlets or brochures for supportive community members regarding opioid use/misuse and fentanyl during welcome week
Yes	No	Offer pamphlets or brochures for supportive community members regarding opioid use/misuse and fentanyl on school website

Inform/Alert

Yes	No	Work with campus police department to have the ability to report spike/increases in reported fentanyl/xylazine overdose related episodes
Yes	No	Work with local police department to have the ability to report spike/increases in reported fentanyl/xylazine overdose related episodes
Yes	No	Alert sent to student during a spike/increase in reported fentanyl/xylazine overdose related episodes
Yes	No	Alert sent to supportive community members during a spike/increase in reported fentanyl/xylazine overdose related episodes
Yes	No	Alert sent to faculty members during a spike/increase in reported fentanyl/xylazine overdose related episodes
Yes	No	If a student overdoses or is poisoned by fentanyl resulting in death, when possible, be transparent with students, faculty and families and notify them in compliance with HIPAA regulations to strengthen and maintain trust within the school community and prevent the spread of misinformation.
Yes	No	If a student death occurs, provide a school liaison to the family to help navigate the logistics of the tragic situation, including help with a family's financial aid and housing logistics in the wake of their loss, and providing other support as necessary.

Taking the time to fill out this checklist is imperative to assess your campus's efforts to address the opioid epidemic. If you need Partners in Prevention help in addressing any of the items, please reach out to us and we will assist you. Additionally, if you feel this list lacking in any area, we welcome your feedback.

References:

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2. A message from DEA administrator Anne Milgram. DEA. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/stories/2023/2023-10/2023-10-06/message-dea-administrator-anne-milgram#:~:text=Today%2C%20I%20share%20yet%20another,totals%20of%2058%20million%20pills>
3. United States Drug Enforcement Administration. One Pill Can Kill | DEA.gov. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/onepill#:~:text=DEA%20Fentanyl%20Seizures%20in%202023,million%20lethal%20doses%20of%20fentanyl>.
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Made in consideration of the Blue Rising Community Fentanyl Safety Checklist for Colleges & Universities
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S9XnSopVmYJd7p25tzKkrR96-uL6fg7U/view>