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Press Release

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HEALTH ALERT: FOUR RENO COUNTY OVERDOSE FATALITIES

Reno County, Kan. – March 18, 2022 – There have been four overdose fatalities in Reno County over the past seven days. Three of the overdoses are suspected to be fentanyl related. Fentanyl is mixed in with other substances including methamphetamine, heroin, and fake pills. Two milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal depending on a person's body size, tolerance, and past usage.

The Reno Recovery Collaborative recommends the following steps and strategies for our community:

- Encourage members of our community who use substances to never use alone. The majority of the fatalities were individuals using alone and might have been prevented if assistance was nearby.
- Check in on friends or family regularly that use substances
- Naloxone (Narcan) education, training, and availability <https://www.dccca.org/naloxone-program/>
- Encourage more people to carry naloxone (Narcan)

The Reno County Health Department has been collecting data of suspected overdoses and issuing alerts since October 2020. The dashboard can be found here: <https://arcg.is/Ki9OX>.

For more local information, education, and specific activities on substance misuse, or if you want to get involved in the Reno Recovery Collaborative, please contact Seth Dewey at seth.dewey@renogov.org.

State and National Treatment Resources:

Find a treatment facility: <https://findtreatment.gov/>

National treatment line: [1-800-662-4357](tel:1-800-662-4357)

Kansas Substance Use Disorder Treatment Referral line: 1-866-645-8216

Reno County Resources:

Hutchinson Narcan Resource: <https://hutchinsonnarcan.8b.io/>

Crossover Recovery: 620-669-9024

SACK Detox Unit: 620-259-2063

Mirror: 620-665-7750

Breakthru: 620-218-0636

Recovery Response Team: 620-663-7595

Crisis Line: 1-800-794-0163

Reno ASAP Alcohol and Drug Services- 620-665-6446

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