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Save a Life in 2022 with Free Naloxone Nasal Spray for Opioid Overdose

Stockton, CA (January 10, 2022) — As we head into the new year, San Joaquin County Public Health Services (PHS) is rolling out a free naloxone nasal spray program for anyone concerned about family or friends at risk of opioid overdose. Provided by PHS San Joaquin County Opioid Safety Coalition, this program offers easy-to-use naloxone—a timely reversal drug used to prevent opioid overdose deaths.

If you have a loved one dealing with opioid use or a history of street drug use, visit PHS at 420 S. Wilson Way, Stockton, CA 95205 on Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to receive a free naloxone nasal spray.

[New data from the CDC](#) points to a deepening crisis involving illegally manufactured fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that can be 50 times more potent than heroin. Counterfeit pills containing fentanyl are routinely being sold on the streets, putting unsuspecting young people and others in grave danger of fatal overdose. Fentanyl overdose deaths are sharply increasing in the County, with the 2021 fentanyl-related overdose death rate more than 20 times higher than in 2018.

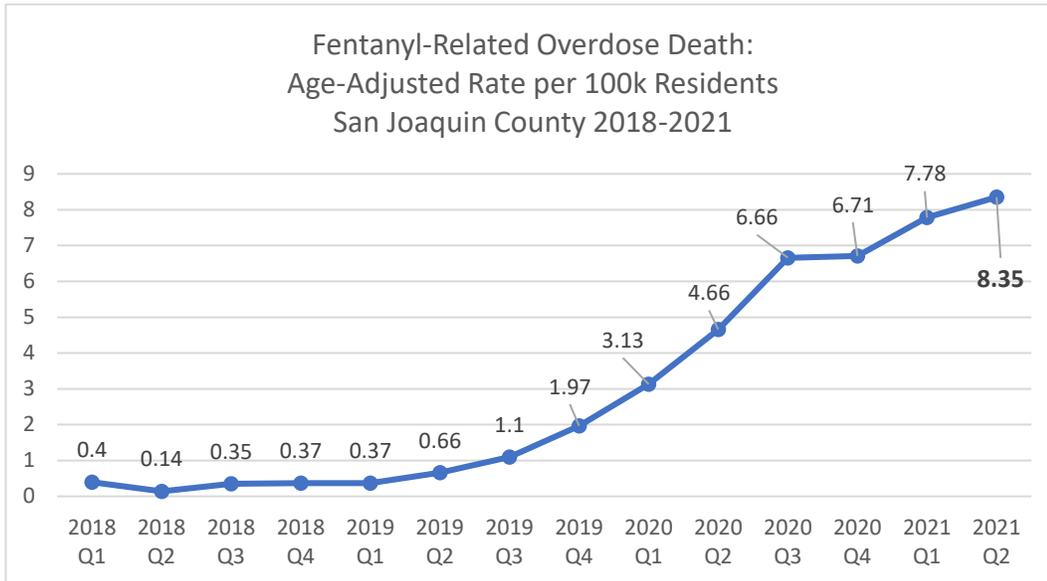
“This sharp rise in opioid-related deaths demonstrates a strong need for increased supplies of naloxone in the community,” shares Dr. Maggie Park, Public Health Officer at PHS. “This community program—coupled with the substance-use treatment resources provided by the Opioid Safety Coalition—offers families and friends a way to help prevent overdoses and the loss of loved ones.”

To learn more about the free naloxone program and other local opioid resources, visit www.SJCopiodsafety.org or call (209) 953-7309.

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Additional Resource

Rise of fentanyl-related overdose deaths in San Joaquin County, provided by California Department of Health (CDPH)



Source: CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics Vital Statistics
Multiple Cause of Death and California Comprehensive Death Files
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