

WHEN TWO PANDEMICS COLLIDE: Impact of COVID on the Opioid Crisis

COVID has had a devastating impact on a crisis that was already raging. Conflicting safety advice has wreaked havoc on the epidemic: "stay apart" "don't use alone"



170+ deaths per mth for 4 consecutive months



35 per 100K deaths. Vancouver coastal & Interior health have the most deaths



136% increase in deaths between Jul 2019 & 2020



5.6 deaths daily in July 2020

Men 19-59 yrs of age are most impacted by the epidemic



68% of deaths are aged 19-59 yrs



79% of deaths are male



85% of deaths occurred inside

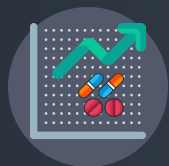


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ILLICIT DRUG POISONING: Impact of Closed Borders on the Opioid Crisis

COVID has had a devastating impact on a crisis that was already raging. Closed borders have meant an interruption of supply, resulting in a 'wild west' era of **LETHAL** concoctions that are **IMMUNE TO NALOXONE**



Increase in
Benzodiazepine



Toxic Concoctions
extremely high
concentrations of hog
de-wormer 'Levamisole'



Methylamine an
agricultural chemical
used for pesticides &
herbicides

GET YOUR DRUGS TESTED

**Naloxone only works
on opioids. It does not
work on any other
class of drug!**



Opioids: Fentanyl /
Heroin / Morphine /
Tramadol / T3's



Benzodiazepines:
Xanax / Ativan /
Valium / Clonazepam



Veterinarian Drugs:
Levamisole



**Pesticides &
Herbicides**



Other: Cocaine /
Methamphetamines /
MDMA

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ILLICIT DRUG POISONING: Preventing Overdoses

Overdose Prevention Sites (OPS) and Supervised Consumption Sites (SCS) save lives!! This is a tried and tested methodology with so much research and evidence to back it up.



Prevents accidental overdoses



Connects people to other health services



Reduces strain on other emergency health services



Testing of drugs to ensure safe consumption

GET YOUR DRUGS TESTED

Overdose Prevention Sites:

Vancouver Island:

Campbell River / Comox Valley / Duncan / Nanaimo / Port Alberni / Victoria (x5)

BC Interior:

Kamloops / Kelowna downtown / Kelowna Rutland

Frasier Region:

Abbotsford / Langley / Maple Ridge / Surrey (x6)

Vancouver:

Vancouver x 2

Fentanyl testing strips are available at all OPS/SCS across British Columbia

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