

Jon Doemel, County Executive
Doug Gieryn, Director/Health Officer

health@winnebagocountywi.gov
Facebook: @WinnebagoHealth
winnebagocountywi.gov/health



112 Otter Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54903-2808
Phone: 920-232-3000

211 N Commercial Street
Neenah, WI 54956
Phone: 920-727-2894

Media Contact:
Wanda Tracy
Multimedia and Public Relations Coordinator
920-232-3352
wtracy@winnebagocountywi.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Overdose Spike Alert: Risk of Drug Overdose Increased in Winnebago County

OSHKOSH, Wis. (August 13, 2024) –

Winnebago County is issuing a public health alert due to an increase, or spike, in suspected drug overdose deaths in our community. This alert is based on data from the County Medical Examiner.

There have been 7 suspected overdose deaths within the last three weeks in our community. There have been 15 confirmed total overdose deaths in our county for the first six months of 2024.

First responders, healthcare providers, and people who use drugs and their families should be aware of the increased risk of overdose in our community. If you use drugs or know someone who does:

- Know the signs of an overdose:
 - Pale, sweaty or clammy skin
 - Lips/fingertips turn blue
 - Slow or irregular breathing: gasping, gurgling, or snoring
 - Difficult or unable to wake
- Carry Narcan
- Never use alone. Call:
 - Never Use Alone - 1-877-696-1996
 - Safe Spot - 1-800-972-0590
- Only use pills provided with a prescription, counterfeit pills may contain dangerous drugs.
- Use slower and use less.

Narcan, Lifepoint Syringe Service, and test strips for Fentanyl are free of charge at the Winnebago County Public Health Department's Oshkosh Location (112 Otter Avenue, Second floor), Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

###