



Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Opioid Epidemic Town Hall
Wednesday, February 09, 2022





Welcome and Opening Remarks

Kevin A. Carr, DOC Secretary





A Message from Governor Evers





Department of Health Services

Paul Krupski, Director of Opioid Initiatives

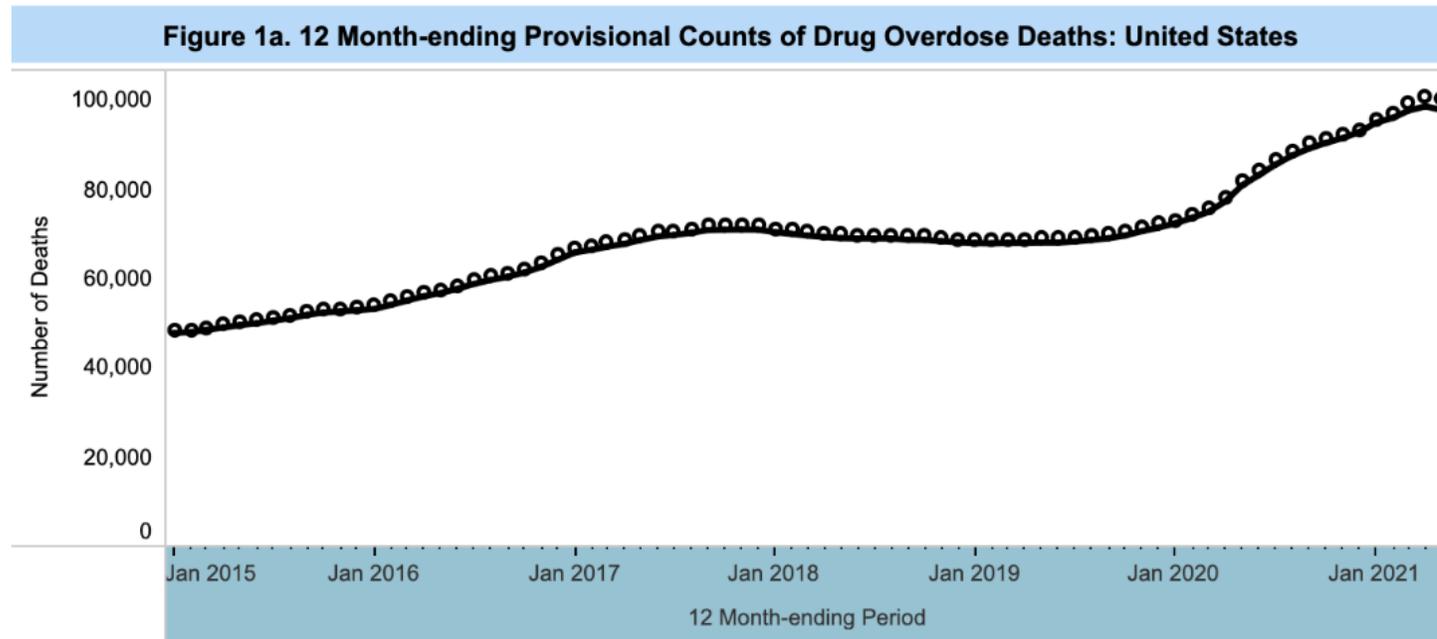




National Data – More than 100,000 Fatal Overdoses from April 2020-April 2021



Based on data available for analysis on: **12/5/2021**



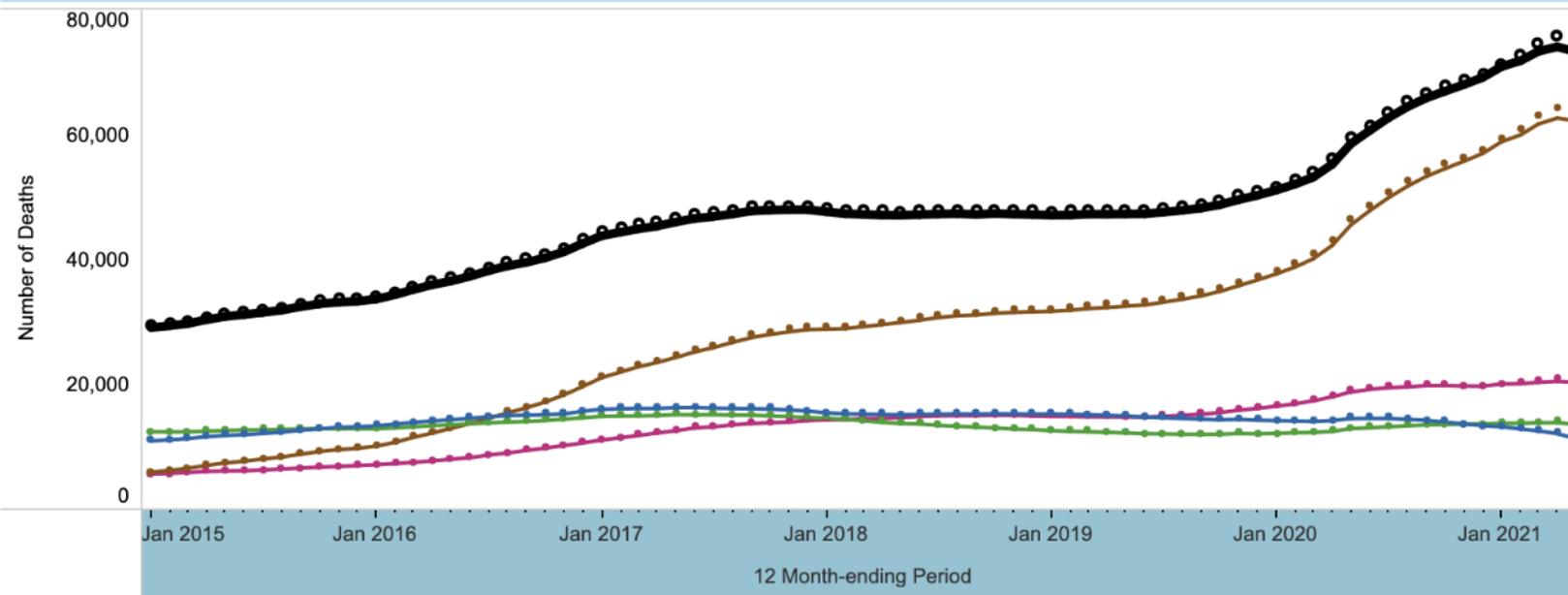
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Increasing Prevalence of Fentanyl



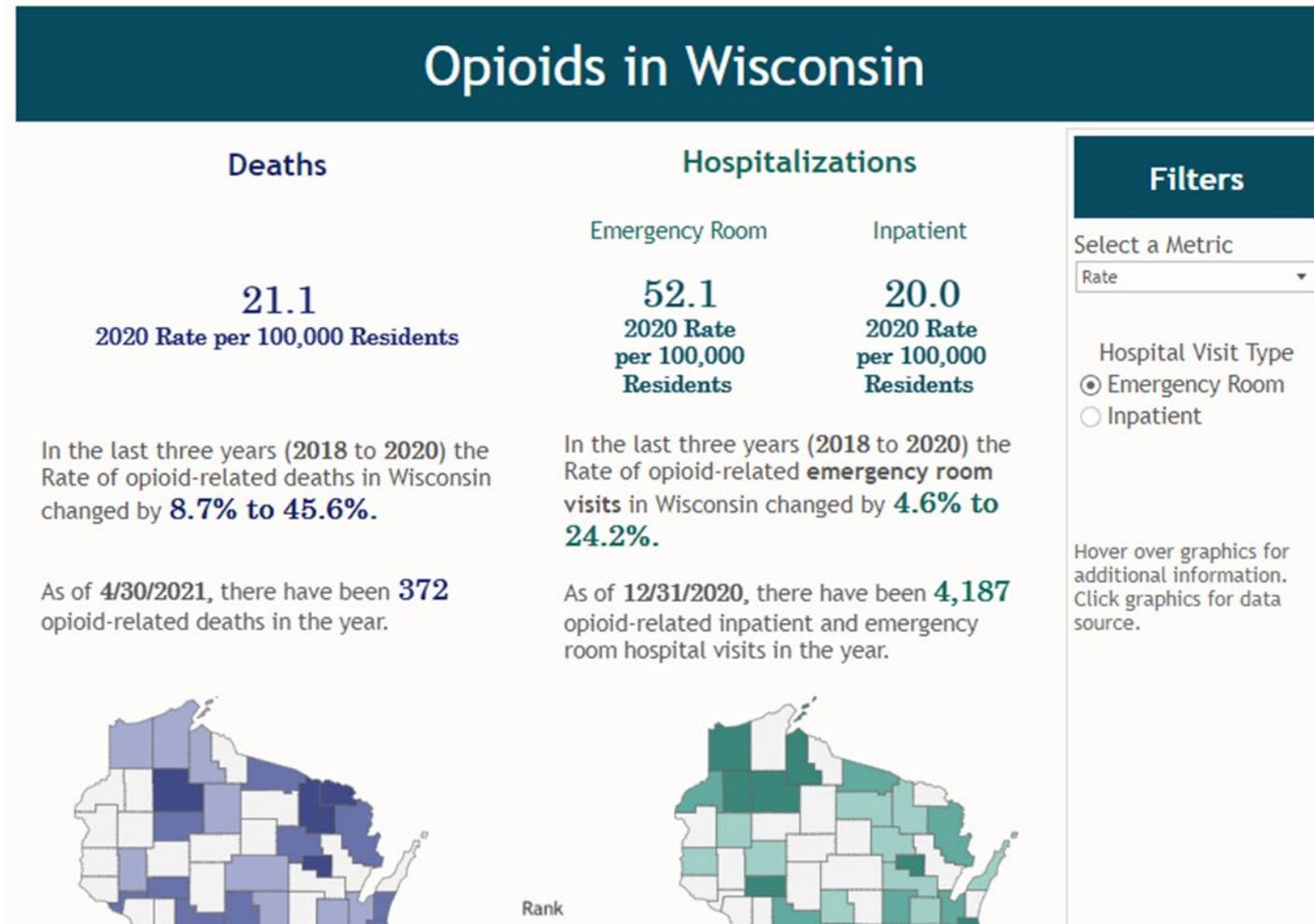
Figure 2. 12 Month-ending Provisional Number of Drug Overdose Deaths by Drug or Drug Class: United States



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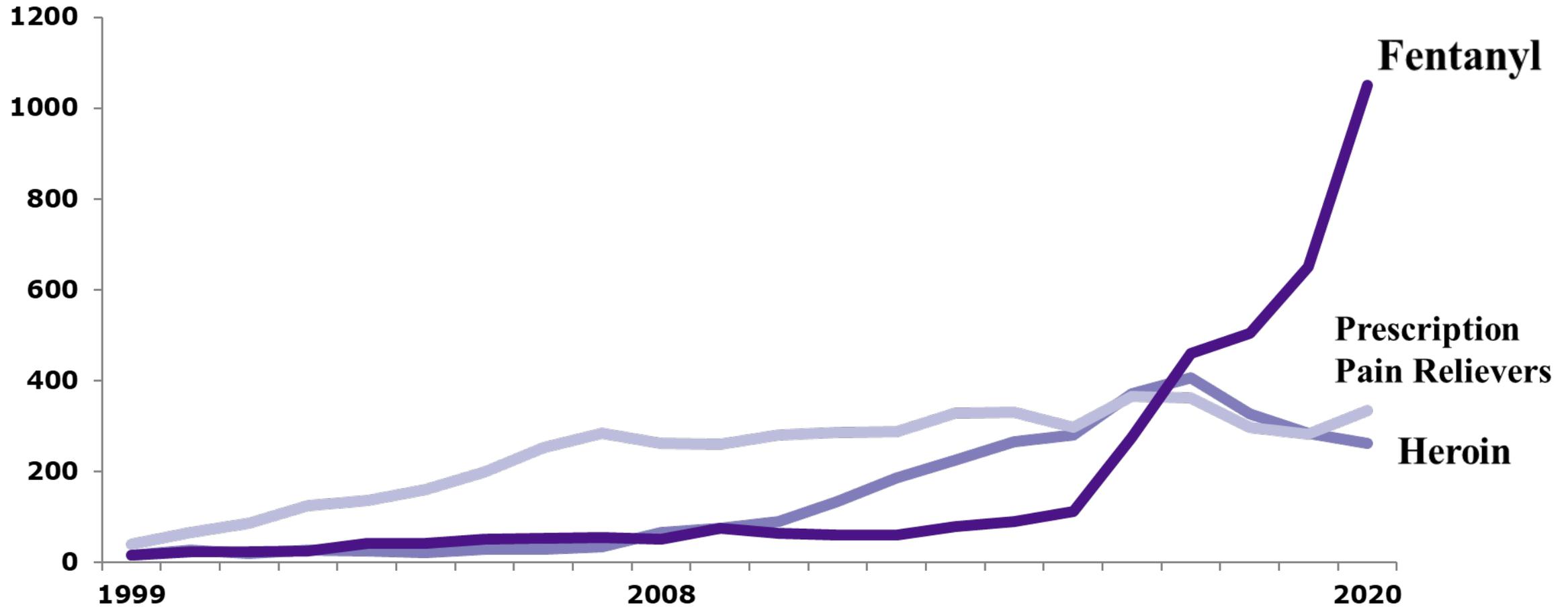
Wisconsin Data – Data Dashboards



DHS.Wisconsin.gov/opioids/dashboards.htm



Number of Opioid Overdose Deaths



Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

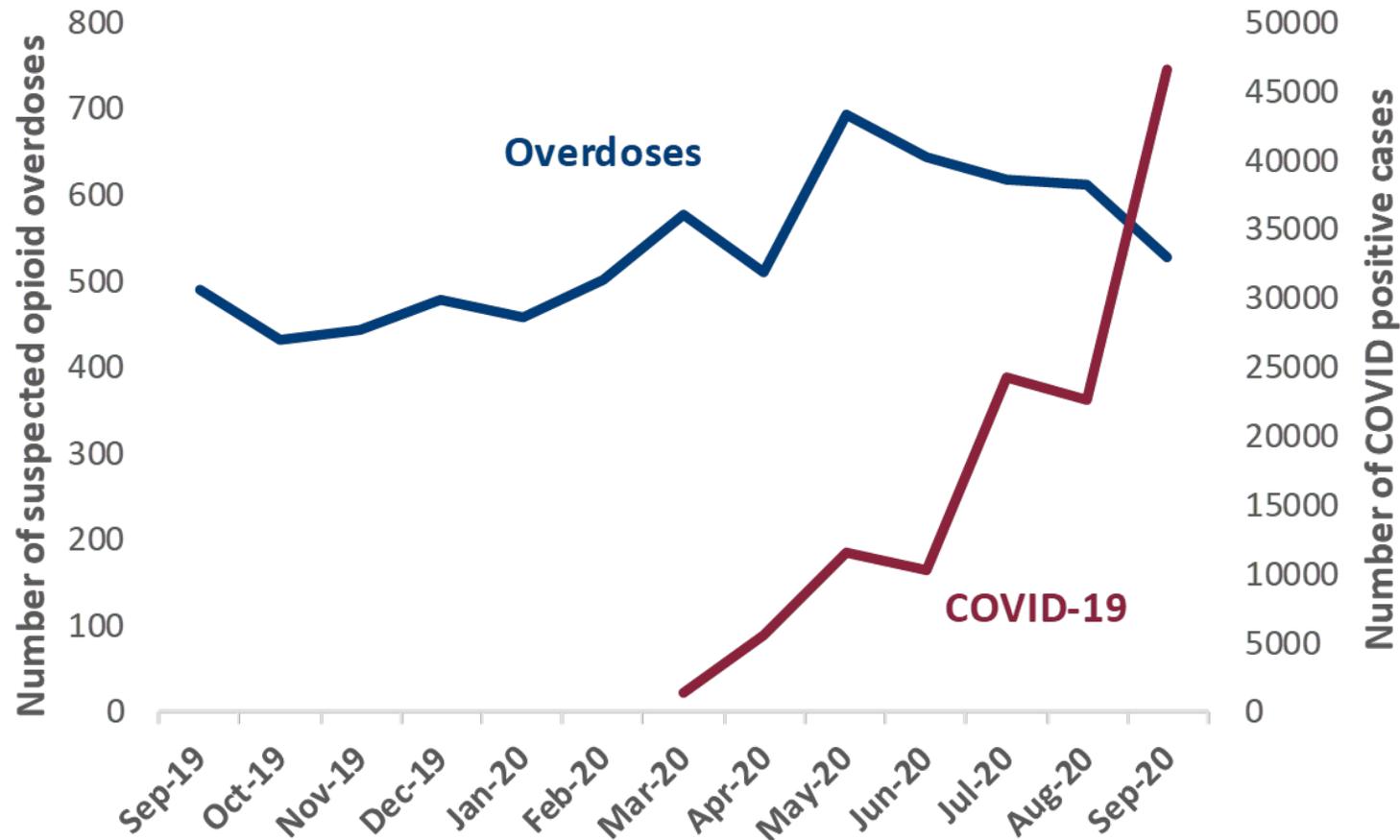


COVID-19 and Opioid Overdoses





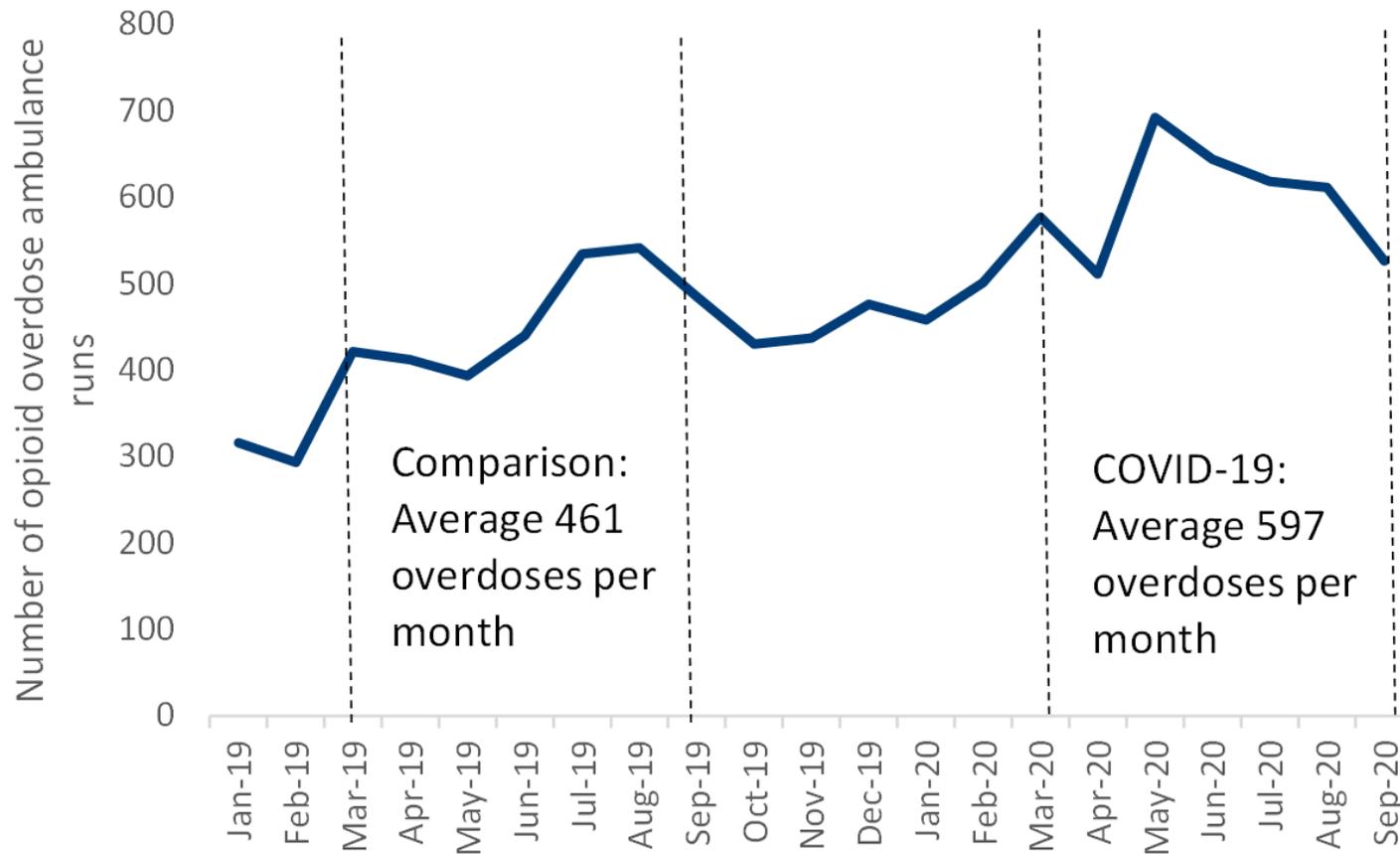
Suspected Opioid Overdoses Ambulance Runs Compared to COVID-19 Positivity



Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services



Suspected Opioid Overdoses Ambulance Runs 2019-September 2020



Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services



DHS Response





Priority Areas



- Advancing prevention strategies
 - Increasing the availability of and access to naloxone and other harm reduction services
 - Improving access to and retention in treatment services
 - Increasing access to peer and recovery support services
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Opioid Response

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Assistant Administrator, Division of Community Corrections

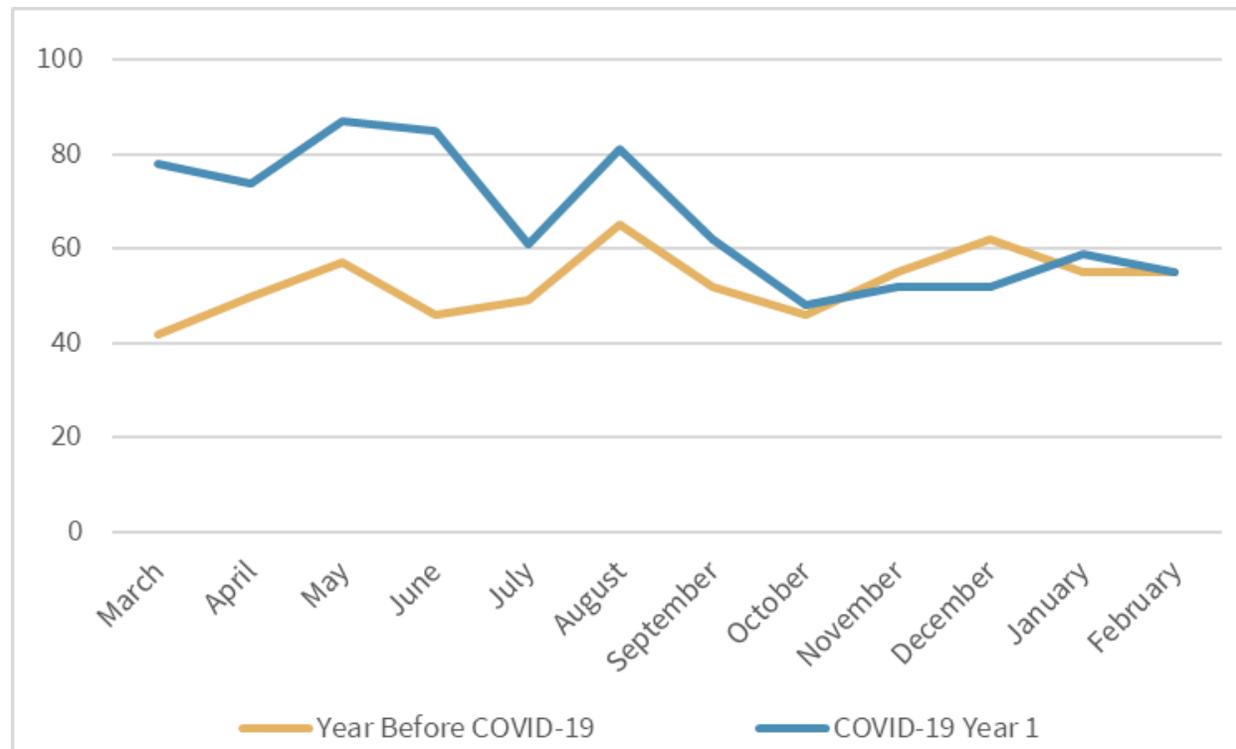




Impact of COVID-19 on Opioid Overdoses



- There were 794 opioid overdoses in the first 12 months of the pandemic, up from 634 in the prior 12 months.
- On average, there were 13.3 more opioid overdoses per month.

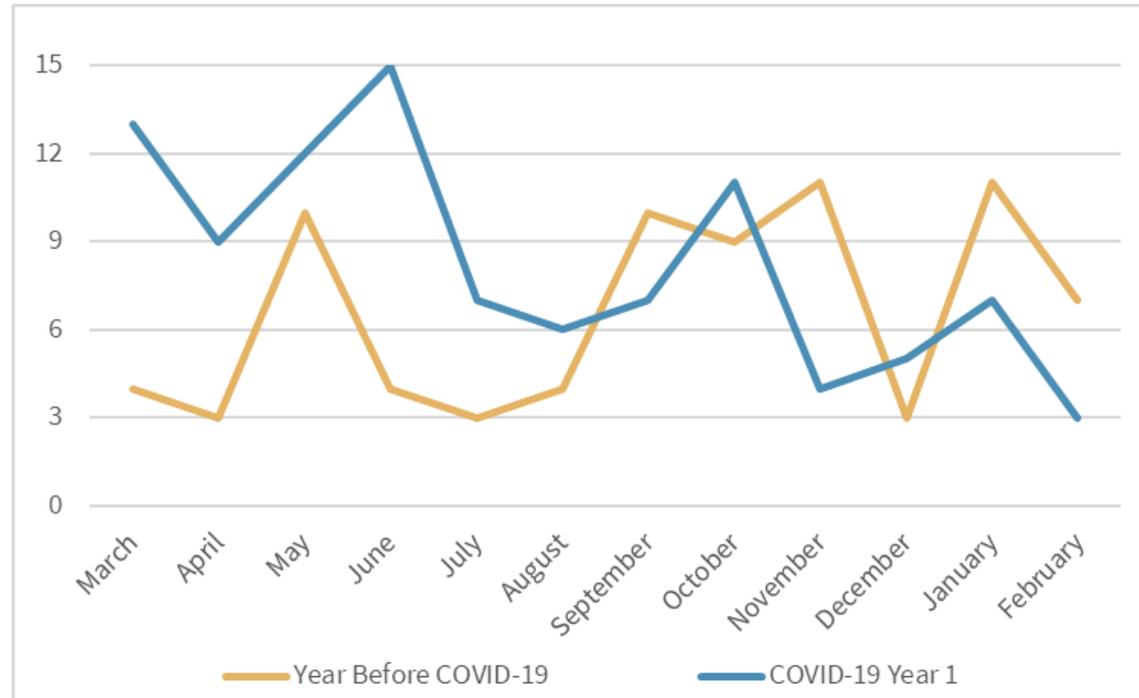




Impact of COVID-19 on Fatal Opioid Overdoses



- There were 99 fatal opioid overdoses in the first 12 months of the pandemic, up from 79 in the prior 12 months.
- On average, there were 1.7 more fatal opioid overdoses per month.





DOC Opioid Initiatives



- Peer Support Contract
- Opiate History Flag
- Telehealth
- Core-12 App for clients
- MAT Training
- Overdose Response Teams
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- 241 male Residential Treatment Beds
- 127 female Residential Treatment Beds
- Expand MAT
- Overdose Death Review Team
- Opioid Advisory Team
- Naloxone Distribution
- Bridge Program
- MAT Conference
- Harm Reduction Training Naloxone Boxes
- Expansion of SUD Treatment (Men)
- Fentanyl Education Prior to Release
- SUD Treatment in Restrictive Housing
- Naltrexone Prerelease

*SUD = Substance Use Disorder; MAT = Medication Assisted Treatment



Division of Community Corrections

Autumn Lacy, Assistant Administrator

Holly Stanelle, Clinical Supervisor

Nicole Schueppert, Probation and Parole Agent

Mike Meulemans, Program and Policy Analyst Advanced





Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Mike Meulemans, Program and Policy Analyst Advanced





The Beginning - 2015



- "DCC Region Four Opioid Addiction Pilot Program"
 - \$800,000.00 in startup funding to DOC
 - An evidence-based and cross-divisional program with the following components:
 - Medication Assisted Treatment – Naltrexone (Vivitrol)
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - Enhanced Supervision strategies by DCC Agents
 - Weekly substance use screening
- * Private insurance billed first, DOC funds if no insurance coverage



And the Growth



- Additional State Budget funds allowed for DOC expansion of related MAT services across DCC.
- Our program is now a statewide resource available to all clients experiencing opioid addiction challenges, releasing from one of the 12 DAI institutions, and/or supervised by our DCC Agents.
- Medications now include: Naltrexone, Suboxone, Methadone, Buprenorphine, Sublocade, etc.



Creation of DOC Overdose Death Review Team - Dr. Autumn Lacy



- **Members:**
 - Division of Adult Institutions (DAI)
 - Division of Community Corrections (DCC)
 - Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC)
 - Medical College of Wisconsin
 - Community Treatment Provider
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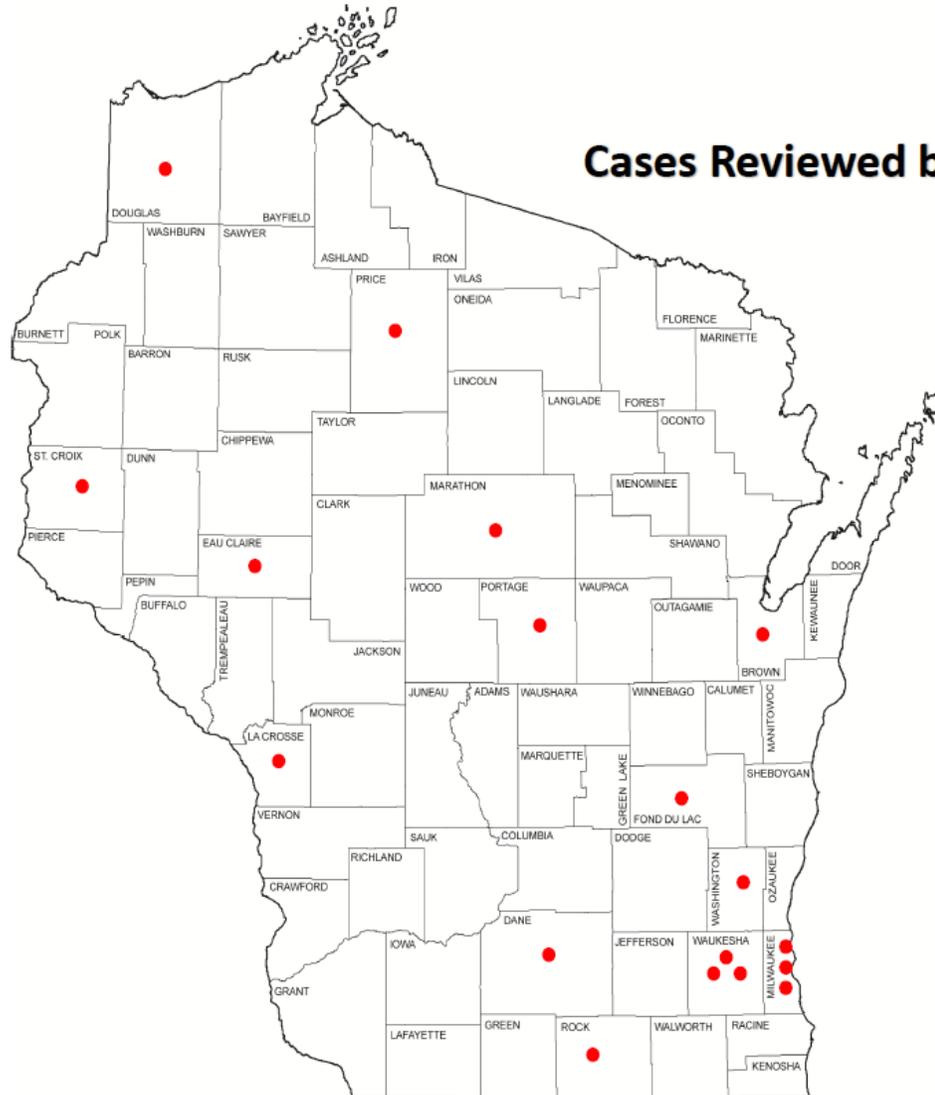


Overdose Death Review Team (ODRT)



- Meets monthly
 - Technical Assistance provided by Medical College of Wisconsin
 - Gaps identified
 - Recommendations to fill gaps made to Opioid Response Steering Committee
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Cases Reviewed by ODRT – Jan. 2022



Cases Reviewed by ODRT as of January 2022

County of OD	Age	Gender	Race
Brown County	27	Male	American Indian or Alaska Native
Dane County	43	Male	White
Douglas County	27	Male	White
Eau Claire County	38	Male	Black or African American
Fond du Lac County	35	Male	White
La Crosse County	42	Male	White
Marathon County	35	Male	White
Milwaukee County	33	Male	Black or African American
Milwaukee County	31	Female	White
Milwaukee County	40	Female	Black or African American
Portage County	40	Female	White
Price County	35	Male	American Indian or Alaska Native
Rock County	35	Male	White
St. Croix County	49	Female	White
Washington County	33	Male	White
Waukesha County	42	Male	White
Waukesha County	55	Female	White
Waukesha County	31	Male	White



**Please Join Us in a Moment of Silence
for Those We've Lost to this Epidemic**





Creation of DOC Opioid Advisory Team – Holly Stanelle



- Developed as a recommendation from the DOC Overdose Death Review Team
 - Purpose is to provide support and assistance to staff as well as resource options to persons in our care and on supervision with difficult opioid related cases
 - A team of Cross-Divisional, Cross-Agency, and community staff meet weekly to discuss cases and provide recommendations and guidance
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Harm Reduction Training/Education

- Harm Reduction Workgroup was formed
- Purpose is to increase awareness and understanding of Harm Reduction
- A Harm Reduction Training was developed and recorded and will be placed in Cornerstone
- Harm Reduction Trainings have been presented to DCC leadership and to several DCC units across the state.



Narcan Distribution (Naloxone) - Nicole Schueppert



- Narcan is a harm reduction tool used for opioid use.
 - DOC has Pilot Programs for the use of Narcan in Regions 4 & 7.
 - Narcan Nasal Spray distributed to offices for use
 - Training given to all staff for future use
 - Clients that are appropriate for Narcan Distribution:
 - Clients who have a history of opioid use or one of the following:
 - Actively using opioids as determined by agent and client interview
 - Reported recent use of opioids to DOC staff
 - Currently enrolled or being referred to Medication Assisted Treatment Services
 - Clients being referred to outpatient or inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment
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Agent Role for Client Narcan Distribution



- Discuss the role of Narcan and inform client of two doses of nasal spray and instructions within the box.
 - Have client discuss the importance of calling 911 immediately in the event they witness or experience symptoms of an opioid overdose.
 - Log the distribution of Narcan to client into the inventory sheet.
 - Document in COMPAS and use the cautionary flag as marked for opioid history.
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Narcan Saves Lives



- Nearly 50,000 people died from an opioid-involved overdose in 2019.
- Study found that bystanders were present in more than one in three overdoses involving opioids.
- With the right tools, bystanders can act to prevent overdose deaths. Anyone can carry naloxone, give it to someone experiencing an overdose, and potentially save a life.
 - A large-scale national study showed that opioid overdose deaths decreased by 14% in states after they enacted naloxone access laws.
- Carrying Narcan is similar to carrying an epinephrine auto-injector (commonly known by the brand name EpiPen) for someone with allergies. It simply provides an extra layer of protection for those at a higher risk for overdose.

<https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/naloxone/>

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/naloxone-opioid-overdose-life-saving-science>



Nalox-Zone Boxes



- A new initiative stemming from the Harm Reduction Workgroup
- Harm Reduction strategy used to reduce overdose events and save lives
- Currently being used in other states and in public/private Wisconsin agencies
- DCC will be piloting the use of these boxes in several of the DCC offices



Nalox-Zone Boxes

- Boxes resemble external defibrillators found in public buildings
- They contain two doses of Narcan, community resource card, a rescue breathing apparatus for CPR, and instructions for how to reverse a suspected opioid overdose
- Boxes will be connected to the DOC office Wi-Fi for immediate communication with the vendor when they are accessed





DCC Opioid Bridging Program – Mike Meulemans



- Assisting our clients with support and services through timely recovery interventions
 - Putting recovery coaches into action!!!
 - Current enrollment of 17 clients
 - Statewide expansion of this program is ongoing
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DOC Staff Training Conference – *Understanding the Road Through Recovery*



- Wisconsin Department of Corrections is hosting our first virtual staff training conference:
 - **April 28, 2022, 8:00AM – 4:30PM**
 - Virtual day of staff training and awareness
 - National base of Opioid Professionals and Subject Matter Experts presenting
 - Topics: Staff wellness, opioid medications, harm reduction strategies, telemedicine, addiction stigma, impact on children
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Partnering with DOC – Amanda Rodriguez



- Milwaukee BHD was awarded \$1.2 million dollars from Bureau of Justice Assistance to reduce client opioid overdose deaths
- Milwaukee County House of Correction (HOC) & Milwaukee County Jail
 - Weekly engagement with CMS therapist and peer support specialist
 - Medications:
 - Buprenorphine
 - Vivitrol
 - Methadone*
- 91 participants served as of December 31, 2021

*BHD = Behavioral Health Department

*Methadone hasn't been implemented into the program yet



Of the 91 participants, 58 completed the day of release survey:



- 74.1% plan on not using opioids twelve months from now
- 84.5% indicated that they were completely ready for a change in their life
- 98.3% planned to continue with Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the community
- 98.3% planned to continue to see the peer support specialist
- 96.6% planned to continue to see their mental health therapist.
- 100% will recommend MAT to a friend,
- 100% positive experience with MAT
- 94.8% reported they would make the same decision to try MAT again if presented with the decision now



Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment in the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI)

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Treatment Director
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Wisconsin Women's Correctional System



- SUD1 – Case plan intervention with general population social worker/case manager
- SUD2 – Helping Women Recover and Connections (12 weeks)
- SUD3 – Helping Women Recover, Connections, Moving On, and Seeking Safety (15 weeks)
- SUD4 – Helping Women Recover, Connections, Moving On, Seeking Safety, and DBT Informed Skills Group (17 weeks)

SUD Treatment in the Wisconsin Women's Correctional System (WWCS) is offered at all custody levels – Maximum, Medium and Minimum

*SUD = Substance Use Disorder; DBT = Dialectic Behavior Therapy



Wisconsin Men's Correctional System

- SUD1 – Case plan intervention with general population social worker/case manager
- SUD2 – Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Use Adults (CBI-SUA) - 12 weeks
- SUD3 – CBI-SUA and Thinking for a Change (T4C) - 18-20 weeks
- SUD4 – CBI-SUA, T4C, Epictetus and General Skills plus needed ancillaries – 20 weeks
 - Domestic Violence
 - Anger Management/Anger Control
 - Employability

SUD Treatment in the men's system is offered at all custody levels – Maximum, Medium, and Minimum

*SUD = Substance Use Disorder



DAI SUD Program Options



- **Earned Release Programming (ERP)**
 - Earned Release Program is driven by statute and allows judges to sentence non-violent, non-assaultive individuals with a substance use disorder to this program.
- **Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP)**
 - Challenge Incarceration Program is a statutorily established program that allows judges to sentence non-violent, non-assaultive individuals with substance abuse needs to this full-time intensive program that combines physical fitness and well-being with SUD treatment.
- **Non-ERP SUD treatment**
 - Residential SUD treatment who are not ERP/CIP eligible.



SUD Treatment in Restrictive Housing Units



- Provide an opportunity to individuals found guilty of substance use to receive treatment services
- Includes formal groups, self-study work, and education on specific substances they have been found guilty of using
- Incentive based



Opioid Use History and Release Planning



- Persons in our care are screened for a history of using opioids prior to their release
- DAI and DCC work collaboratively with persons in our care to determine best route for aftercare and/or ongoing treatment (this process is followed for all releases)
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) options reviewed, and referrals made
- Naltrexone injections offered pre-release at several DAI sites for persons in our care (voluntary participation)
- Some sites not offering the injectable version of Naltrexone (Vivitrol) are offering the tablet form of Naltrexone to persons in our care until they are able to be seen in the community
- Persons in our care enrolled in Badgercare/Medicaid services prior to release

*DAI = Division of Adult Institutions; DCC = Division of Community Corrections



Fentanyl Education Pre-Release



- Significant increase in fatal overdoses involving Fentanyl
 - Educate persons in our care on the dangers of Fentanyl – method of harm reduction
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Steven De Baere

Community Supervision Client and Treatment Court Participant





Live Q+A Session



- We want to help answer your questions!
 - Submit any last-minute questions using the Q&A feature near the bottom of your screen
 - We will be posting an FAQ document on our public website with written responses for the questions we don't get to today
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Resources



- For access to recordings, transcripts, FAQs and more information about upcoming town halls: **Visit doc.wi.gov/TownHalls**
- Resources for DOC staff: KEPRO through the Employee Assistance Program
- Other Resources:
 - **[Start Talking about Opioids \(DHS\)](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/start-talking.htm)** -
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/start-talking.htm>
 - **[Opioids Treatment and Recovery \(DHS\)](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/treatment-recovery.htm)** -
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/treatment-recovery.htm>
 - **Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline:** Call 211 or 833-944-4673 to find treatment services and recovery supports



Thank You!

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