



PLYMOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

The latest news and updates on overdose related incidents in Plymouth County, MA and how law enforcement and public health officials are tackling this opioid epidemic in real-time.

OVERDOSE STATISTICS 11/1/20 - 11/30/20



114 incidents



59 successful home visits*

**The outreach team made contact with a SUD, family/friend or both.*



76% non-fatal

10% fatal

14% at-risk*

**A loved one reported this individual due to concern of potential overdose.*

NEVER USE ALONE



Far too many people are dying by overdose. Fatal overdoses ARE preventable. If you have no choice but to use alone, call 'Never Use Alone' at 1-800-484-3731. You will be asked your first name, exact location, county, and the number you're calling from. An operator will then stay on the line with you while you use. If you do not respond after a set amount of time after you've used, the operator will notify emergency services of an "unresponsive person" at your location. Please share this life-saving phone number.

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT



It is no secret that the pandemic has caused an increase in substance use. According to the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program, overdoses increased up to 42% per month during the pandemic compared to 2019. The upcoming holiday season is likely to add to this increase. However, it is important to remember that managing stress over the holiday season is not impossible. Lean on your supports and always remember you are not alone. Check out this article to learn some ways to maintain your physical health, mental health, and prevent substance use: <https://www.willitsnews.com/2020/11/12/holiday-stress-and-covid-19-uncertainty-can-lead-to-alcohol-and-drug-abuse/>

WE'RE HIRING!



Plymouth County Outreach is seeking a full time Recovery Coach with strong knowledge of Plymouth County Outreach (PCO) and Plymouth County substance use and behavioral health resources. The Recovery Coach's primary responsibility will be providing resources to high-risk populations including those incarcerated, those recently released from incarceration, and Tier 2 individuals. Applicants should send their resume and a cover letter to vbutler@plymouthcountyoutreach.org

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