



This is a Health Alert Network Advisory

Summary

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) is issuing notification of a potential increase in non-fatal overdoses due to opioids which occurred in Bend between November 1st and November 8th, 2025 (n=11). This does **not** meet the Deschutes County clinical threshold for an overdose spike. However, due to the atypical severity of the overdoses, DCHS is asking healthcare providers to share information with relevant staff, patients, and clients. DCHS is monitoring data sources and may update the alert as the situation changes.

Information currently available:

- The increase in non-fatal overdoses has been limited to Bend.
- All cases are stated to involve opioids, fentanyl, or narcotics.
- Some of the cases have required repeated or continuous dosing of Naloxone.
- There have been zero overdose fatalities reported during this time period.

Recommendations for Healthcare Providers:

- Confirm your Naloxone supply is stocked and easily accessible to staff.
- Prescribe Naloxone in tandem with prescribed pain medication.
- Practice client centered care to identify substance use treatment needs.
- If your client is seeking referrals to crisis intervention, treatment services or harm reduction services, the following resources are available:
 - Never Use Alone hotline at 877-696-1996
 - Drug and Alcohol Lines for Life Helpline: (800) 923-4357 or Text: Recovery Now to 839863
 - Deschutes County Crisis Line: 988 or (541)322-7500 x9
 - Deschutes County Harm Reduction Program - www.deschutes.org/harmreduction

The Overdose Prevention and Response Coalition recommends the following communication strategies to be used with patients and clients:

- Be calm and avoid inciting fear.
- Use harm reduction messaging such as encouraging people to not use alone or sharing the never use alone phone or online resources.
- Ask if individuals have access to Naloxone or if they need a prescription for it.
- Share appropriate resources for harm reduction and treatment.

For More Information

- Deschutes County Health Services Overdose Prevention and Response- www.deschutes.org/stopoverdose
- Deschutes County Harm Reduction Program- www.deschutes.org/harmreduction
- Overdose Prevention and Response Education and Resources- <https://friendsforlifedeschutes.org/>

To request this information in an alternate format, please call (541) 322-7444
or send an email to healthservices@deschutes.org.



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