

Obtaining No-Cost Naloxone and Test Strips:

The Pennsylvania Overdose Prevention Program (POPP)

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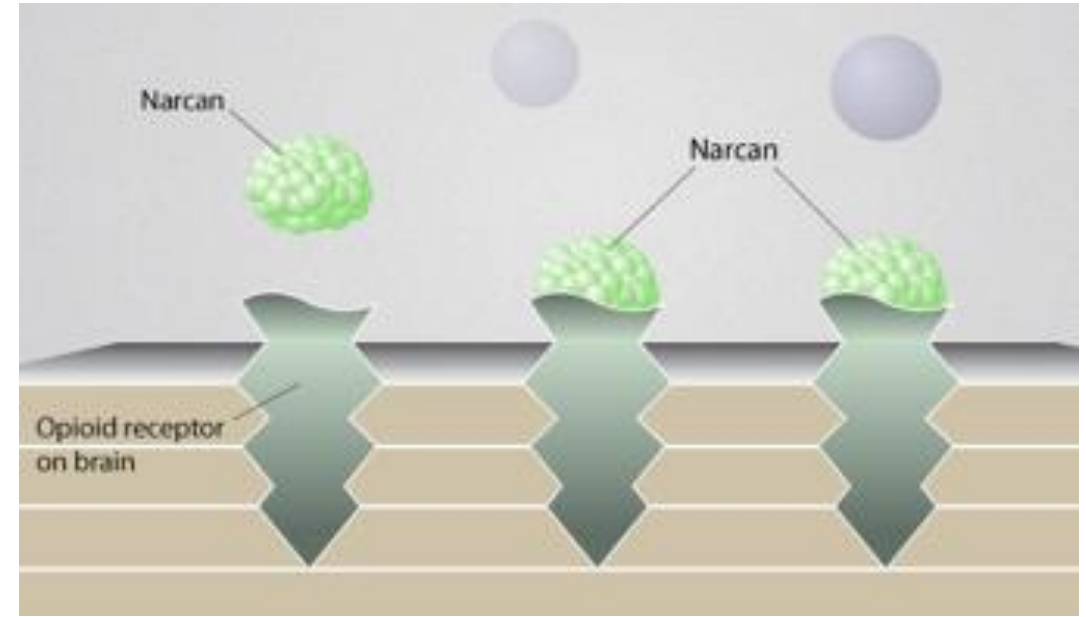
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Naloxone 101

- Naloxone rapidly **displaces opioids** like heroin and fentanyl from their receptors in the brain, restoring breathing to **reverse an overdose**
- Will **not harm** if administered on someone who hasn't used opioids
- Various routes of administration, including **intranasal** and **intramuscular**



Understanding Naloxone. Harm Reduction Coalition. <http://harmreduction.org/issues/overdose-prevention/overview/overdose-basics/understanding-naloxone/>. Accessed 30 October 2023.



Intranasal (Narcan®)



Intramuscular



Using intranasal naloxone



Intramuscular - autoinjector

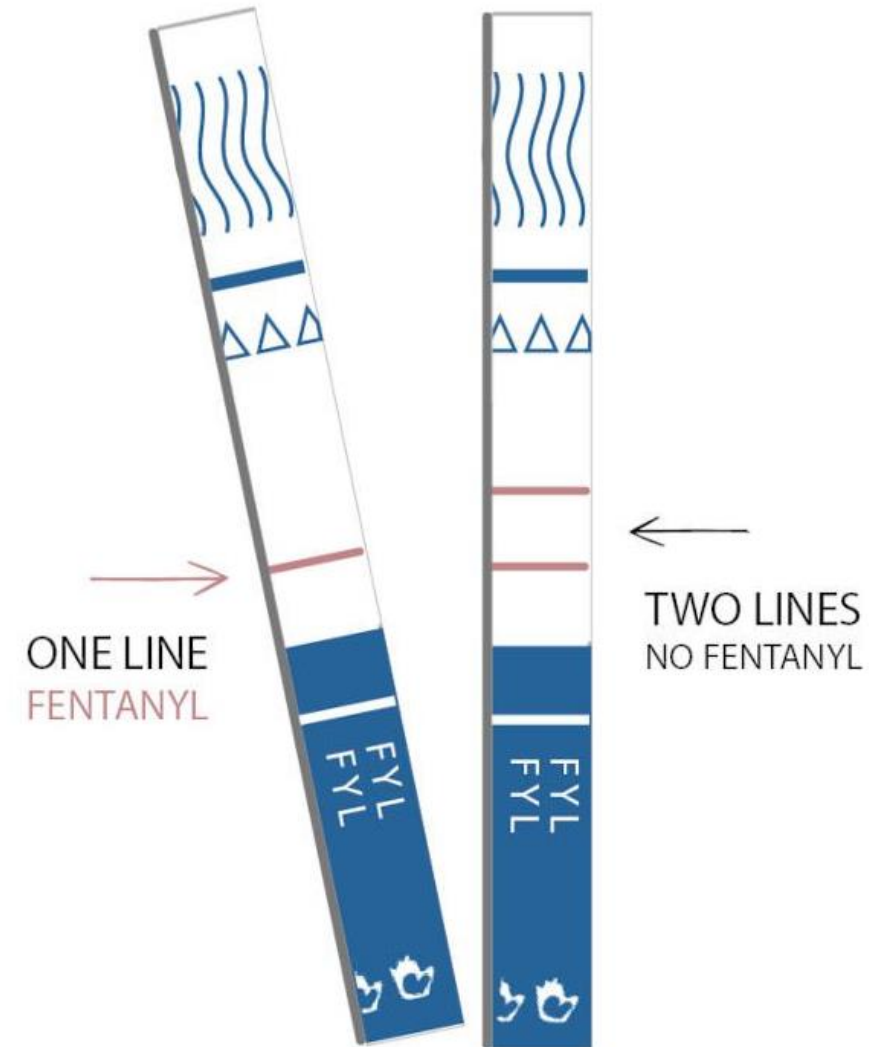
How to get naloxone in Pennsylvania

- **At the pharmacy**
 - [Standing order](#)
 - [Co-pay assistance](#)
 - Over-the-counter Narcan®
- **Mail-to-home program**
([NEXT Distro](#))
- Via **organizations** (community-based orgs, treatment providers, etc.) who have received a supply from POPP for distribution



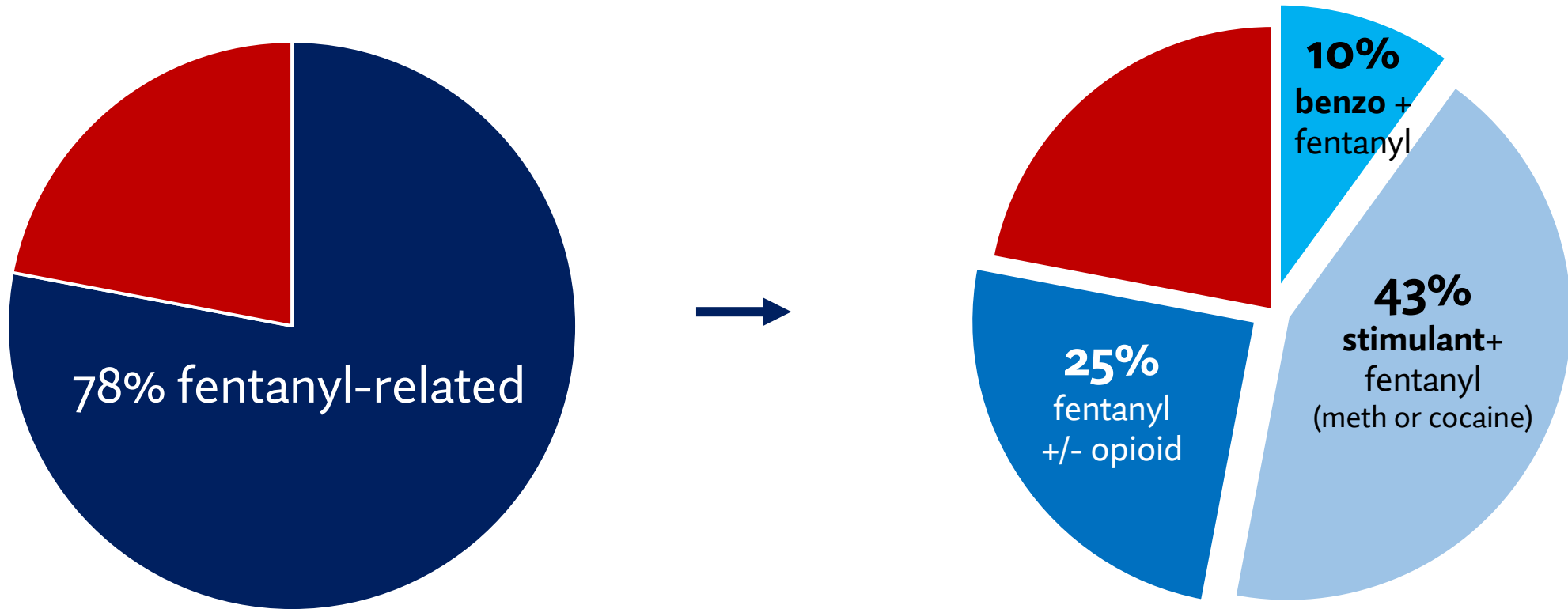
Drug checking strips 101

- Drug checking strips detect whether certain harmful additives, like **fentanyl** or **xylazine**, are present within a drug sample
- [Act 111 of 2022](#) legalized controlled substance testing products in Pennsylvania
 - No longer under the definition of “drug paraphernalia”



[How-to video](#) from
Jefferson Health

Fentanyl is 50x more potent than heroin, and prevalent in the Pennsylvania drug supply

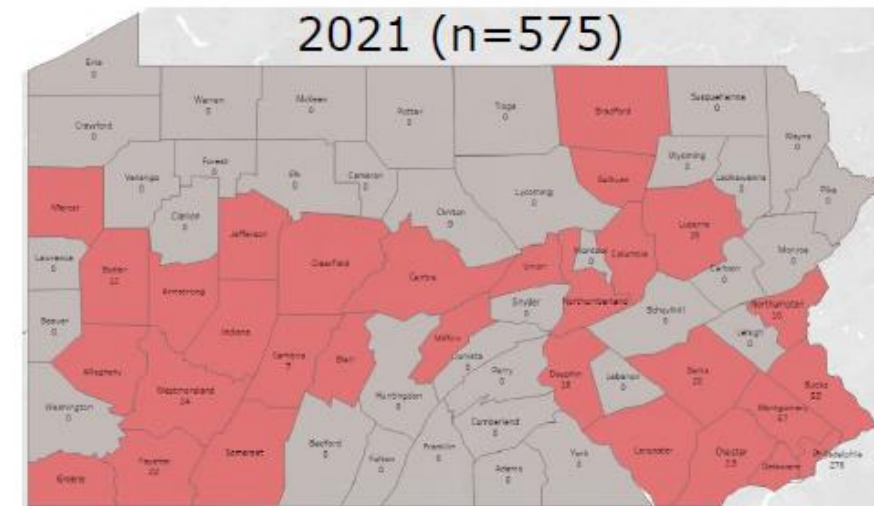
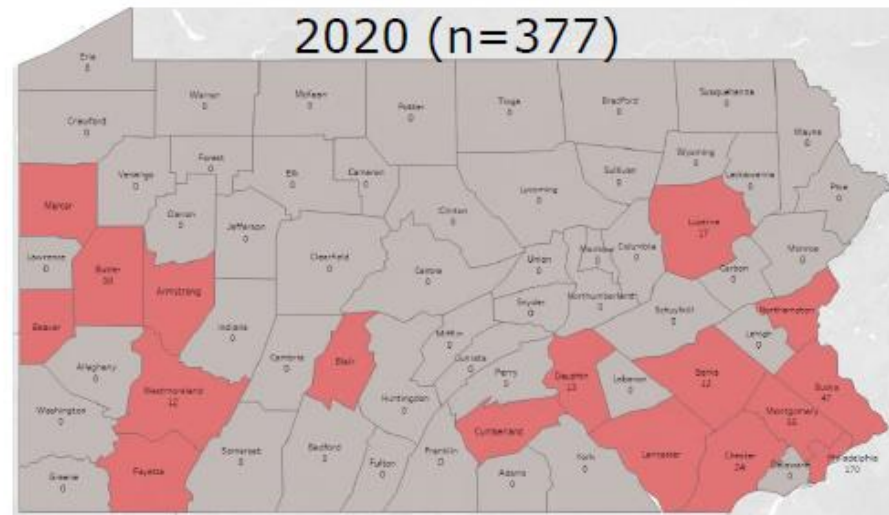
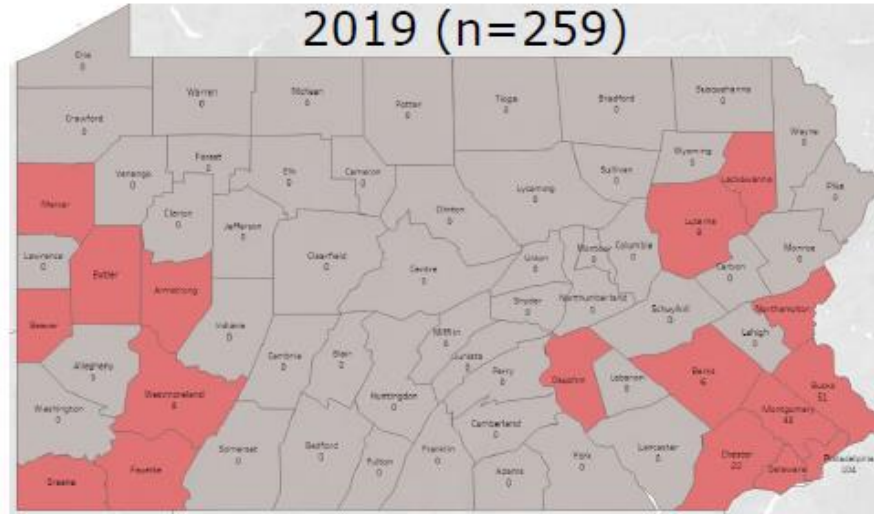
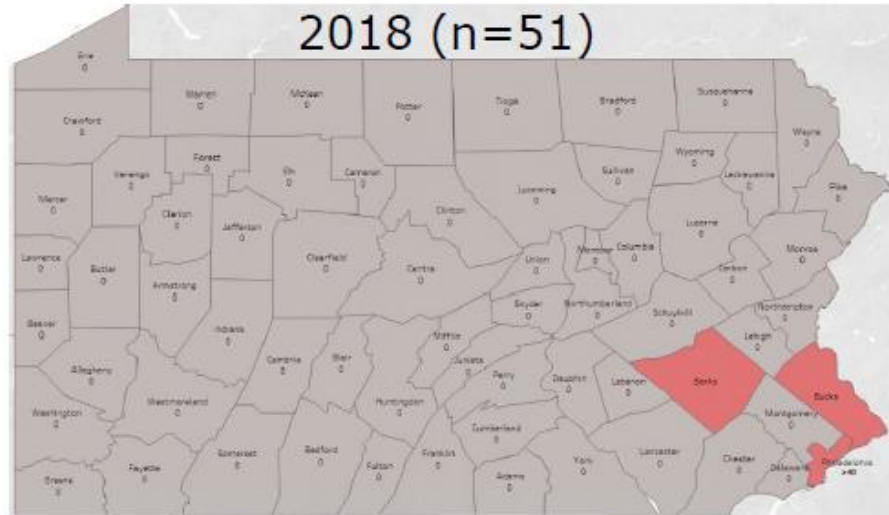


Of all 2021 overdose deaths in PA, **over half** were caused by **fentanyl combined with a non-opioid**



Data source: PA Department of Health, Office of Drug Surveillance and Misuse Prevention.

Emerging overdose trend - xylazine



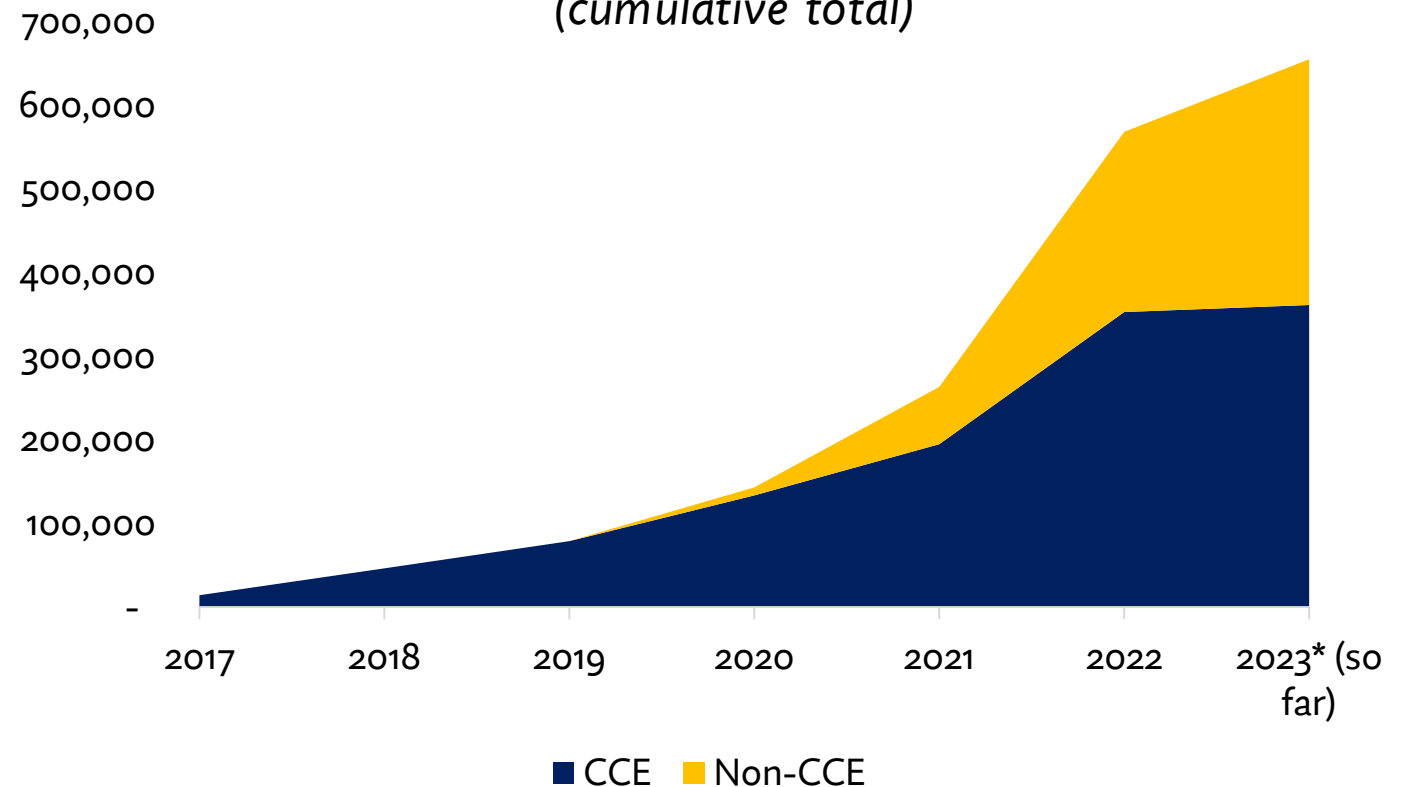
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Over the past 6 years, PA has made significant progress in expanding access to lifesaving overdose reversal medication through the **Naloxone for First Responders Program** and other efforts.

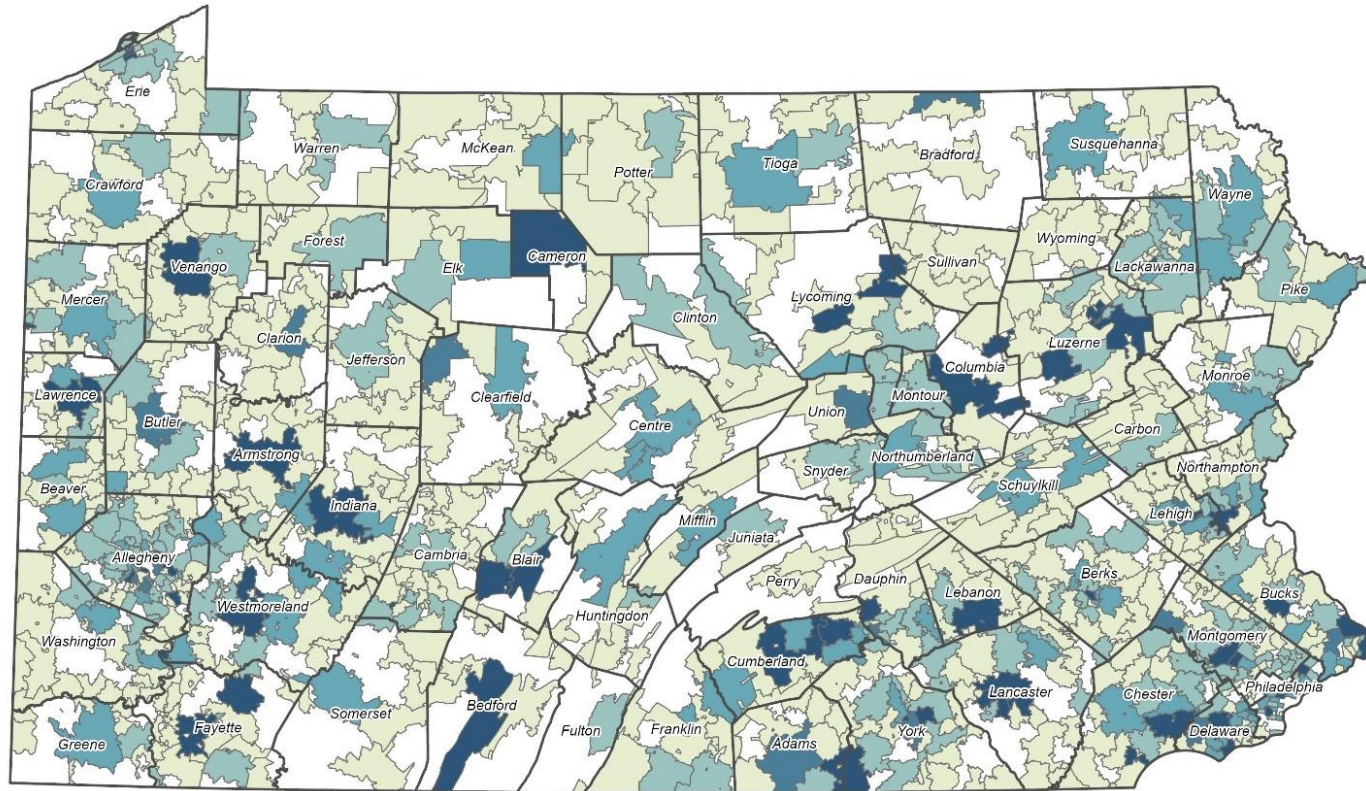
More than 1.3 million doses of naloxone have been distributed since 2017.

- PCCD has purchased **654,756 kits (1,309,512 doses)** since NFRP's launch in 2017.
- Since creating a statewide allocation in the wake of COVID-19 and the subsequent launch of the NFRP Portal in March 2021, harm reduction groups, treatment providers, and other community-based organizations have represented a growing share of the Program's reach.

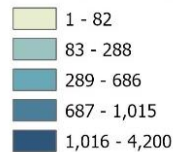
Naloxone Kits Ordered by Requesting Entity Type
(cumulative total)



Naloxone kits have been distributed across the Commonwealth through NFRP.



Distributed and Ordered Kits 2017 to 2022





At least 24,000 overdose reversals have been made using naloxone purchased by PCCD since NFRP's launch.

The new Pennsylvania Overdose Prevention Program (POPP) builds on this progress by making **additional harm reduction supplies** available to PA communities.

PA Overdose Prevention Program

- A one-stop ‘shop’ for individuals and organizations seeking **naloxone** (multiple formulations) and related **harm reduction supplies** (e.g., fentanyl and xylazine test strips).
- Clearinghouse for **information, training,** and **technical assistance** to help groups involved in harm reduction work.
- Continued emphasis on statewide and regional **‘saturation’ and accessibility**, with a focus on getting naloxone and harm reduction supplies into the hands of people who use drugs and those that serve them.
- **Program Launch:** *August 31, 2023*

What changed?

NFRP	POPP
Naloxone only	Naloxone + drug checking strips
Single naloxone formulation (4mg intranasal)	Multiple naloxone formulations (4mg intranasal, 8mg intranasal, intramuscular)
Formula-based allocations	Demand-based requests
Centralized Coordinating Entities (CCEs)	Recognized Entities
Single CCE per service area	Multiple Recognized Entities per service area

What hasn't changed?

- Providing harm reduction supplies and medication at **no cost** to individuals and organizations in Pennsylvania.
- Focus on reaching **highest-need individuals** (e.g., people using substances, people at higher risk of experiencing overdose).
 - *This may look different for naloxone vs. drug checking strips.*
- Program guidelines establishing **expectations** for organizations receiving and distributing supplies (e.g., inventory controls and management, data tracking/reporting, etc).

Responsibilities of Recognized Entities

- Serve as a primary local point of contact for supplies in a specific county/region
- Develop distribution + outreach strategy focused on people + orgs with greatest need
- Quarterly data reporting
- Keep PCCD posted on any changes or needs

Interactive resource map - *coming soon*

Pennsylvania Overdose Prevention Program Resources

Filter by Organization Type

- CCE
- Harm Reduction Organization
- Recovery Organization
- Treatment Provider

Reset Select all

Filter by County

Search...

Allegheny

Beaver

Berks

Blair

Bradford

Bucks

Butler

Cambria

Carbon

Centre

Harm Reduction Organizations

- Harm Reduction Organization
- Recovery Organization
- Treatment Provider
- CCE

Number of features

- > 5
- 4.24
- 3.5
- 2.74
- < 2

County

Narcan Contact

Type	Organization	Address1	Address2	City	ZIP	County	Name	Email_Link	Phone	Hours
Treatment ...	Aldie Foun...	11 Welden ...		Doylestown	18901	Bucks	Gerald Birk...	jbirkelbach...	215-345-85...	Monday - Fri...
CCE	Allegheny ...	425 First Av...		Pittsburgh	15219	Allegheny	Stacie Brown	Stacie.Bro...	412-578-23...	
CCE	Armstrong ...	10829 US R...		Shelocta	15774	Indiana	Kami Ande...	kanderson...	724-354-27...	
CCE	Beaver Cou...	810 Third A...		Beaver	15009	Beaver	David J. Lo...	DistrictAtto...	724-773-85...	
Harm Redu...	Ben Blesse...	234 Albrig...		Hollidaysb...	16648	Blair	Joshua Krider	Joshuajkrid...	814-329-2618	24/7 a week
CCE	Bethlehem ...	10 E. Churc...		Bethlehem	18018	Northampton	Kaitlyn Squi...	ksquires@b...	610-865-70...	
Harm Redu...	Bowling Gr...	1375 newa...		kennett sq...	19348	Chester	Carly Haught	carly.haugh...	610-268-11...	9-5pm
CCE	Bradford/S...	220 Main S...		Towanda	18848	Bradford	Karen Labo...	sharpd@br...	570-265-17...	

- Will highlight **'POPP Recognized Entities'** who meet PCCD/DDAP criteria for distribution of harm reduction supplies and other services.
- Users can search by location, type(s) of resource(s) or service(s), and other relevant data.

How can I request supplies or
become a Recognized Entity?

Requesting naloxone and test strips through POPP

Groups can request supplies via the POPP request form:

- [POPP webpage](#)
- [Request form](#)
 - Quantity requested
 - Brand preference, if applicable
 - Planned distribution activities

PA Overdose Prevention Program Request Form

Background & Instructions for Completing this Form

The **Pennsylvania Overdose Prevention Program (POPP)** is a joint initiative between the [Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency \(PCCD\)](#) and the [Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs \(DDAP\)](#). POPP's goal is to enhance community-based distribution and harm reduction efforts, with a focus on reaching individuals with the greatest risk of experiencing overdose.

The program offers multiple formulations of naloxone as well as drug checking strips designed to detect xylazine and fentanyl at no cost to individuals and organizations across Pennsylvania.

NOTE: Until further notice, PCCD will not be able to process additional requests for intramuscular naloxone. We are working with our vendor partners to process requests for these specific naloxone products that have already been submitted through the POPP Request Form and will be in touch with requesting organizations on next steps. This change does not affect requests for intranasal naloxone OR drug checking strips as they have different contracts/vendors.

Currently available products include:

- **Naloxone:** 4mg intranasal (Narcan); 8mg intranasal (Kloxxado) (*Intranasal naloxone comes in quantities of 12 kits/24 doses per case.*)
- **Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS):** BTNX; DanceSafe (*100 FTS per box*)
- **Xylazine Test Strips (XTS):** BTNX (*100 XTS per box*); DanceSafe (*25 XTS per box*)

This **POPP Request Form** can be used to request a supply of naloxone and/or drug checking strips for your organization. (**NOTE:** *Individuals seeking a small supply for personal use are encouraged to use NEXT Distro's [mail-to-home program](#).*)

Please be aware that some products require distributor approvals and may take additional time to receive. The individual identified as a primary point of contact should expect to receive outreach and updates from PCCD staff during this process.

If you have any questions or need assistance while completing this form, please contact PCCD staff via email at ra-cdpa-overdos-prev@pa.gov.

Becoming a POPP Recognized Entity

Submit application via POPP Request Form

1



Answer questions + provide information on experience, community connection + capabilities

2



Describe planned distribution strategy (including what product/s you'll distribute)

3



Complete an agreement with PCCD/DDAP confirming your org's ability to comply with program requirements

4



Thank you!

Questions?

Contact us: ra-cdpa-overdos-prev@pa.gov



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