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Update: Addressing the Overdose Epidemic - Clark County Data & SNHD Initiatives

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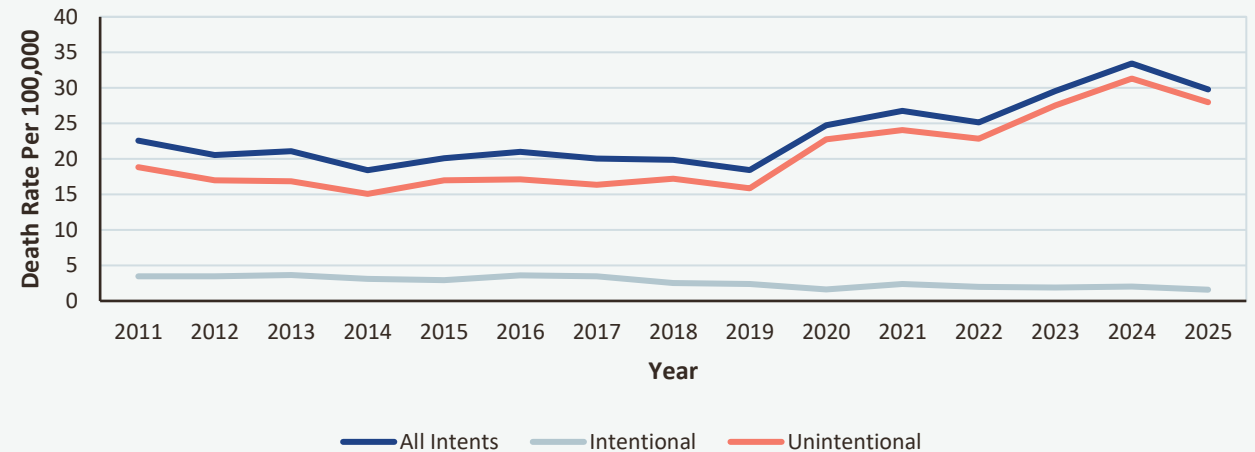
Overview

- Updates on overdose data in Clark County, NV
- Current program successes
- Emerging community engagement opportunities

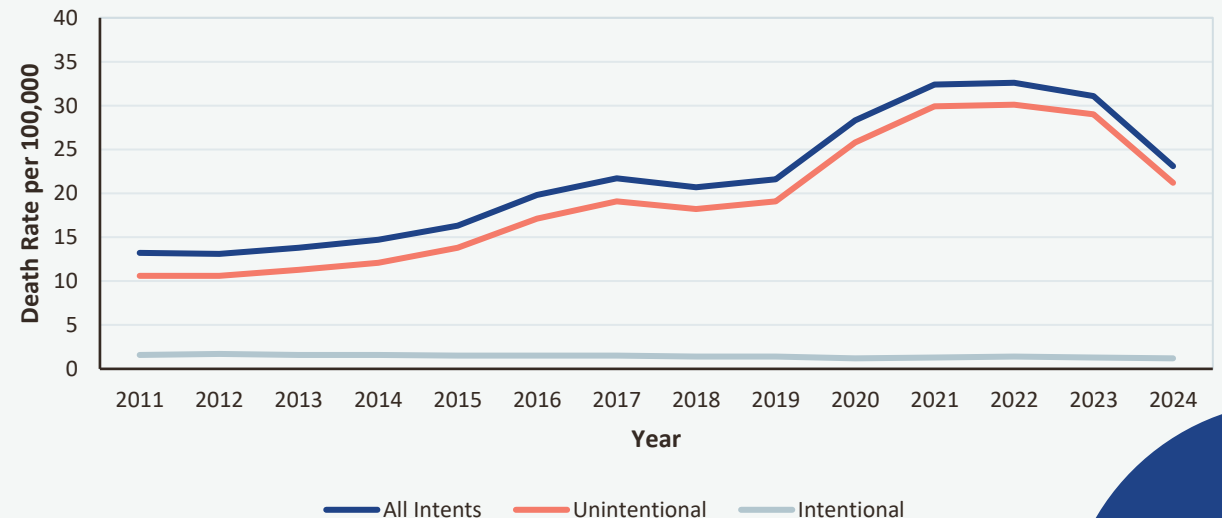
Key Insights - Drug Overdoses

- The majority of fatal drug overdoses in Clark County and across the US are unintentional, including those involving fentanyl.
- Clark County experienced a substantial increase in overdose deaths beginning in 2019, followed by a marked decline in 2025. These trends generally mirror national patterns, although the timing and magnitude of changes have varied locally.

Age-Adjusted Drug Overdose Death Rate per 100,000 Among **Clark County** Residents by Drug Class (2011-2025)



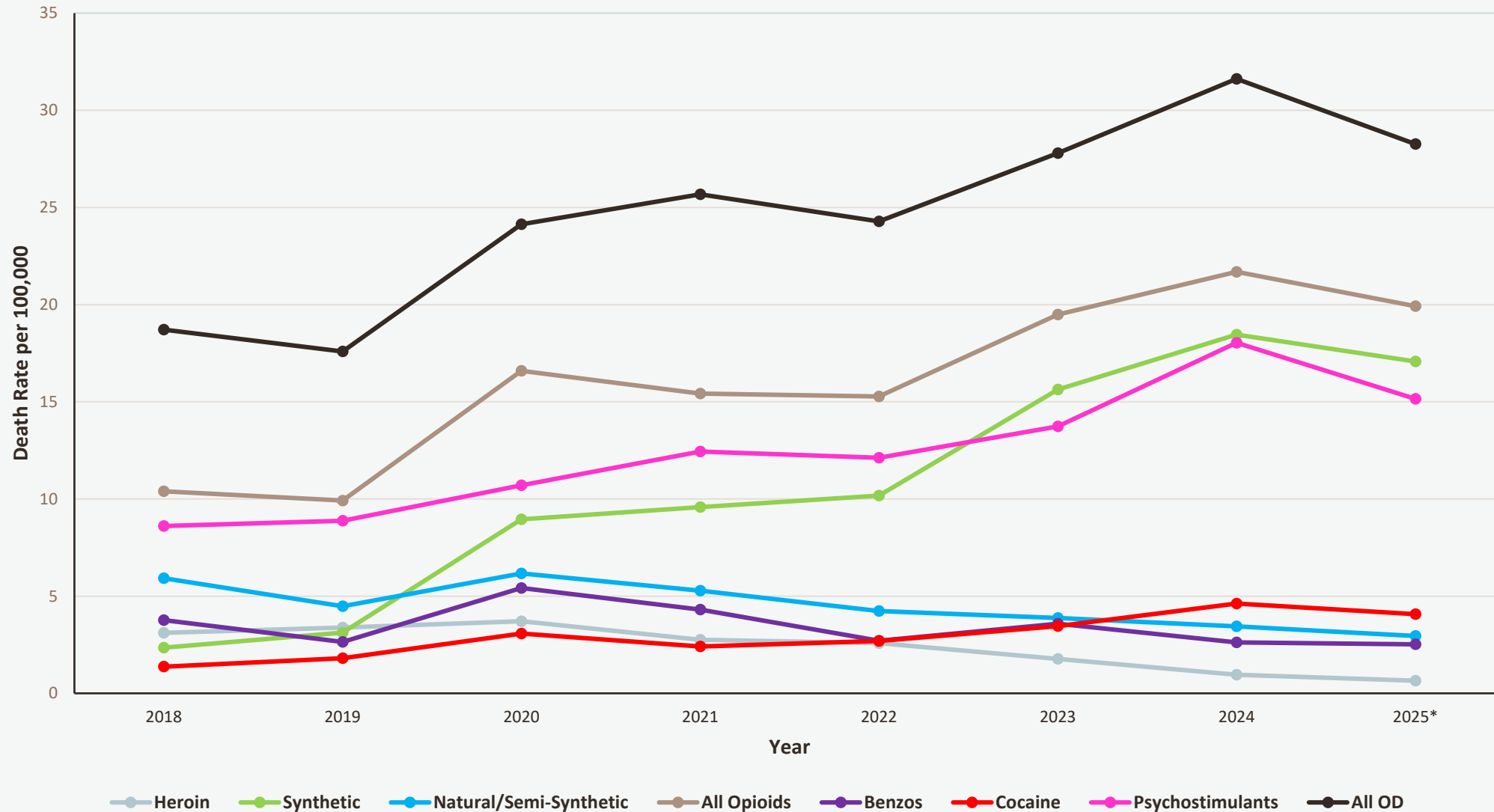
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Current as of 08/24/2026.

Data Source: Nevada Electronic Death Registry System; CDC WONDER

Age-Adjusted Drug Overdose Death Rate per 100,000 by Drug Class Among **Clark County** Residents (2018-2025)



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Percentage of Drug Overdose Deaths by Drug Class (Clark County, 2025)

- Fentanyl was involved in 59.0% of all overdose deaths, while methamphetamine was involved in 53.4%, frequently occurring in combination. Other substances were involved far less often, including cocaine (15.1%), natural and semi-synthetic opioids (10.9%), and benzodiazepines (9.1%).

Drug	Percentage
All Opioid	69.6%
Fentanyl	59.0%
Methamphetamine	53.4%
Cocaine	15.1%
Natural/Semi-Synthetic Opioids	10.9%
Benzodiazepines	9.1%
Heroin	2.2%
Xylazine (Tranq)	0.4%

Note: Yearly counts are not mutually exclusive to one drug class category; therefore, the percentages will not add up to 100%.

Continuing Issue: Polysubstance Use Involving Fentanyl

- Fentanyl is frequently found in other substances, either intentionally mixed or as a contaminant.

Drugs Implicated in Overdose Deaths Involving Fentanyl, 2025

Psychostimulants	53.7% (226/421)
Cocaine	16.6% (70/421)
Benzos	5.9% (25/421)
Natural/Semi-Synthetic Opioids	5.2% (22/421)
Heroin	1.0% (4/421)

Note: Yearly counts are not mutually exclusive to one drug class category.

Novel Substance Cases in OD Deaths - Clark County, NV

- Kratom is the most consistently detected novel substance in Clark County OD deaths, with counts rising from 9 (2020) to a peak of 20 in 2024.
- Xylazine ("tranq") and carfentanil emerged sharply in 2024, signaling new threats entering our local drug supply.

Substance	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026*
Kratom	9	13	16	14	20	11	2
Xylazine	1	0	0	3	20	3	0
Nitazenes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carfentanil	0	0	1	0	13	3	1
Medetomidine	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dexmedetomidine	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

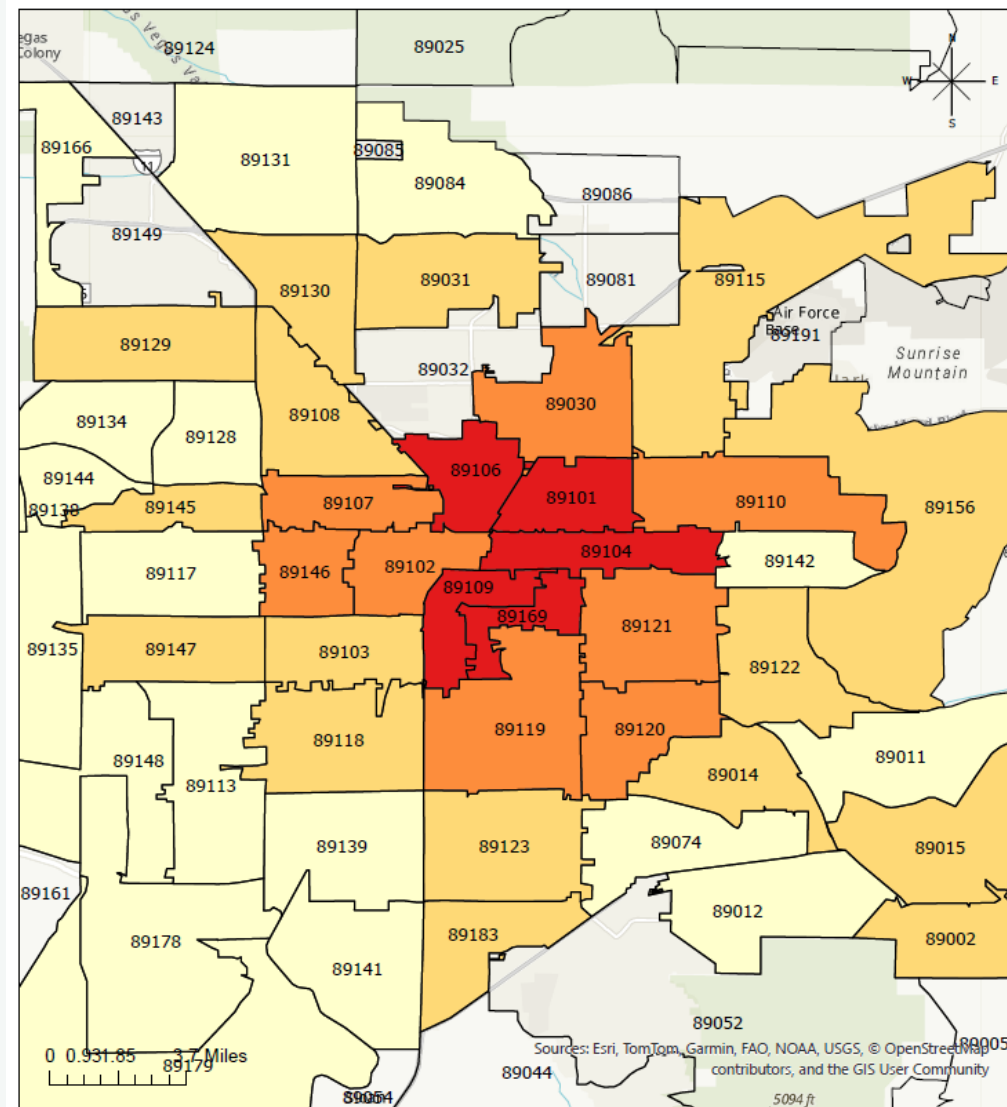
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*2026 data are preliminary and subject to change.

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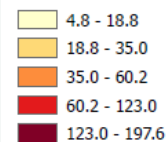
Crude Overdose Death Rates (All Substances) by ZIP Code (Per 100,000 Residents)

- The ZIP codes with the highest burden of overdose in 2025 were 89101, 89104, 89109, 89169, and 89106.



ZIP Death Rate selection

Crude Rate

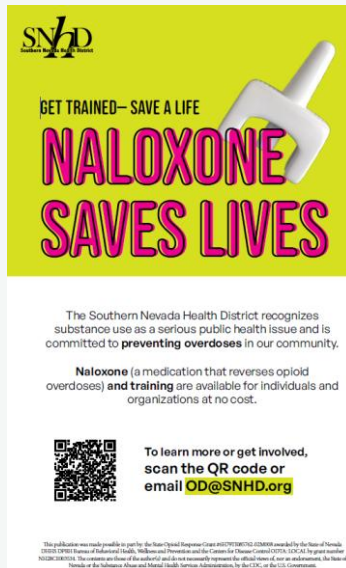
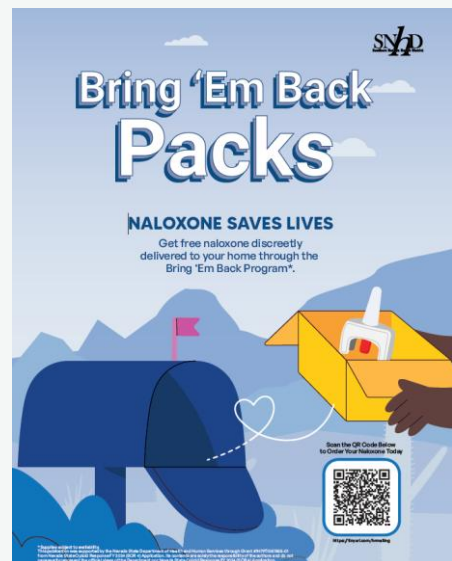


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Current program successes: SNHD + partners

- Community Naloxone Distribution
 - 2026* = 138,025 doses; since 2018 = 511,906 doses
 - Mailing program
 - Clark County Library Partnership + RTC Partnership
 - Spanish naloxone training
 - Partnership with SNHD Environmental Health



Current program successes: SNHD + partners - 2

- Increased fentanyl and overdose awareness
 - Posters + coasters in local bars and restaurants
 - Reddit + YouTube awareness campaign
 - Medical Provider stigma reduction campaign
 - “You Can Save Lives” awareness campaign



Save a life with FREE naloxone.

Stop a fentanyl overdose & protect your community.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE LIVES

bit.ly/GetNarcanSNHD

Reverse an overdose with naloxone

Place in their nose
Press to release
Wait 2-3 minutes

You can break the barrier to recovery

Substance use disorder (SUD) is a treatable medical condition. Recovery is possible, even if someone with SUD may relapse an average of four times. See how an open conversation can help break the stigma stopping people from getting care.

75% Around 75% of people with SUD recover.

Create a safe space for recovery

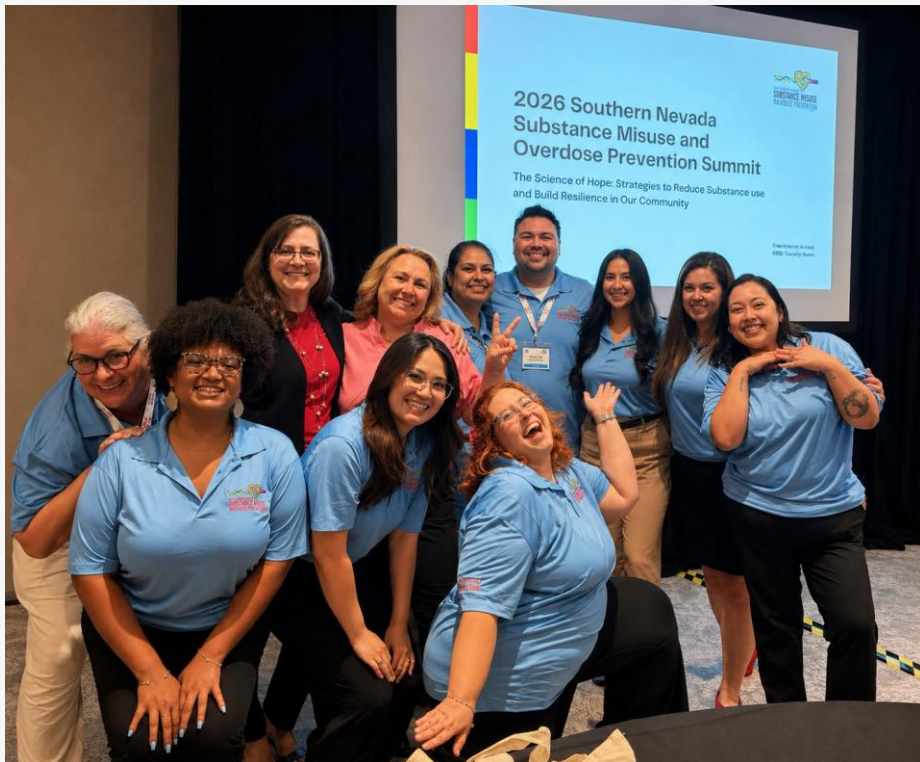
Incorporating some quick questions into your routine care helps normalize talking about substances. It also creates a safe space for patients to be open and honest, which can lead to better outcomes.

See how to start the conversation with this guide from the CDC.



Current program successes: SNHD + partners - 3

- 2026 Southern Nevada Substance Misuse and Overdose Prevention Summit
 - ~250 attendees from Clark County and state partners
 - Addressing co-occurring mental health and substance use and drug checking and novel adulterants



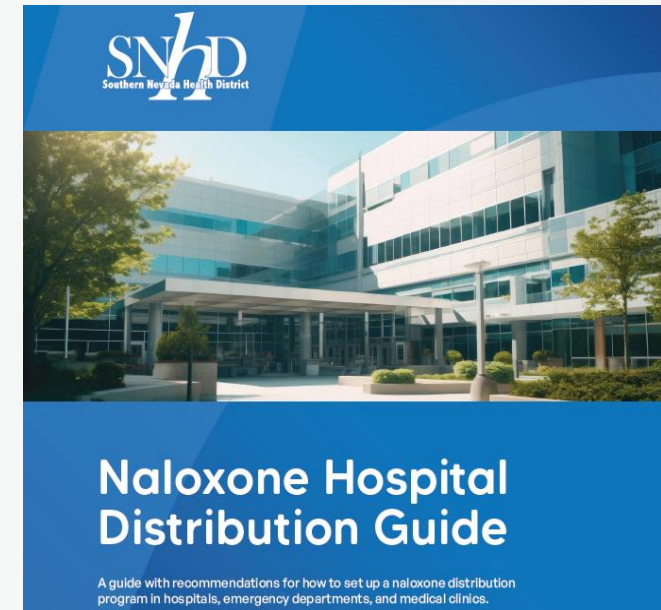
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- Community response
 - Southern Nevada Post Overdose Response Team (SPORT)
 - Linkage to Action (L2A) Community Outreach
 - Syndemic response with HIV/STI testing
 - Door-to-door canvassing partnership with Foundation for Recovery



Emerging opportunities

- Expanding naloxone to hotels/motels
 - CDC MMWR found nationally 56% of hotel/motel overdoses occurred in the same county where the decedent lived; 21% naloxone administered
 - Existing partnership: 64 hotel security property partnerships
 - Need support to expand access to other staff, hotel guests
- Support distribution of SNHD's Naloxone Hospital Emergency Department Guide
 - Existing partnerships with UMC, Spring Valley, Mountain View
- Ideas for naloxone expansion
 - EG: add'l library systems, rec centers, convenience stores, etc.
- Funding support to address changing federal guidance on test strips



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/75/wr/mm7524a2.htm>

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- Southern Nevada Health District Substance Use Dashboard: <https://www.healthysouthernnevada.org/>
- Southern Nevada Opioid Advisory Council: <https://www.snoac.org/>
- SNHD Substance Use and Overdose Prevention: <https://snhd.info/substance-use-and-overdose-prevention/>
 - Mail-based program “The Strip Club”

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