



# 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 9/1/20 - 9/30/20



117 incidents



92 successful home visits\*

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



74% non-fatal

7% fatal

19% at-risk\*

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

## EVENT:



Plymouth County Outreach in collaboration with Plymouth Youth Development Collaborative and the Plymouth Area Substance Use Prevention Collaborative will be hosting a fall drug take back event on Saturday, October 24th, from 10am - 2pm at the Plymouth Police Department. Clean out your medicine cabinets and stop by to discard of any unwanted or expired prescription medication or sharps! For more information, check out the event on either program's Facebook page!

## PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT:



According to the CDC, drug overdose deaths rose roughly 10% in the first three months of this year. If this trend continues, the CDC estimates the US will see over 75,000 drug-related deaths in 2020 (Mann, 2020). This unfortunately wasn't unexpected, as Federal officials reported an increase in drug use over the summer. Surprisingly, experts don't tie the spike in overdoses completely to the coronavirus. They also attribute it to the rapid spread of potent fentanyl, which is deadly when laced in other substances. Read more here: <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/10/14/923721544/sharp-rise-in-drug-overdose-deaths-seen-during-1st-few-months-of-pandemic>

## NEW TRAINING:



The Family Center at Community Connections of Brockton will be holding another session of Addiction in My Family on October 28th and November 4th. This class is for family members who have loved ones struggling with substance use. For more information, visit their Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/uwgpcfamilycenter>

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