

# 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 12/1/20 - 12/31/20



99 incidents



44 successful home visits\*

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



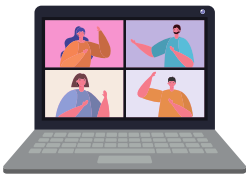
66% non-fatal

13% fatal

21% at-risk\*

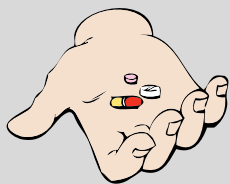
*\*A loved one reported this individual due to concern of potential overdose.*

## NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



The Brockton Area Prevention Collaborative will be hosting Overdose Prevention: A Training on How to Save Lives in the New Normal on February 9th, 10th, and 11th. The same training will be given all three days. This 30 minute training will address how to respond to opioid overdoses & gain access to Naloxone in the context of COVID-19. There will be an opportunity for Q&A at the end. For more information, visit their Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/brocktonareapreventioncollaborative>

## PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT



Counterfeit medications can be almost identical to real Rx medications, making it nearly impossible to distinguish one from the other. In 2019, the DEA found that 27% of seized tablets Nationwide contained a lethal dose of fentanyl. **If you are taking medication you did not receive from a pharmacy, assume it is contaminated with fentanyl.** PCO can provide fentanyl test strips free of charge that will allow you to test your substances before use. Reach out through Facebook, the connect page on our website, or call (508) 830-4218 x261. Source: <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2020/08/12/dea-reports-significant-increase-counterfeit-pills-minnesota>

## PCO UPDATE



We are very excited to announce that we have hired another full-time Recovery Coach! This individual's primary responsibility will be assisting the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department with providing support and resources to individuals recently released from incarceration. He will also be part of our Tier 2 team and assist with regular follow-ups. Welcome to the team, Daniel!

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*\*Data provided by Kelley Research Associates*