

TOPICS:

Island Health Warns about Increase in Overdoses

INCREASE IN OVERDOSES – Island Health is advising the community there has been an increase in overdoses in several communities in the past 72 hours. There may be the presence of carfentanyl or other fentanyl/fentanyl analogues, though this has yet to be confirmed.

However, there is a concerning pattern with a high number of fatalities both on Vancouver Island and across British Columbia.



Overdose Alert

There has been a large increase
in overdoses on Vancouver Island in the
past 72hrs!

IF SOMEONE OD's

Call **9-1-1** Right Away.
Provide Rescue Breathing.
Give Naloxone If You Have It.

Strategies for safer use:

- New drugs – try a small amount first
- Avoid using alone; fix with a friend
- Stagger your use with friends so someone can respond if needed
- Carry Naloxone and have an overdose response plan
- Be close to help

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