

FRASER HEALTH OVERDOSE EMERGENCY PUBLIC REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Fraser Health and its partners are working hard to reduce opioid/fentanyl-related overdoses, including the following new actions in November 2018:

- Released new guidelines on Overdose Prevention Services in housing and shelters, available [here](#).
- Opened a new Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) clinic in Port Moody. A list of all Fraser Health OAT clinics is available [here](#).

FATAL OVERDOSES

According to the BC Coroners Service, there were 48 suspected illicit drug overdose deaths in Fraser Health in September 2018, compared with 32 in August 2018. Data for October 2018 was not yet available at the time this report was published. Table 1: Suspected illicit drug overdose deaths within Fraser Health, January 2017 to September 2018

Community [^]	Jan-Sep 2018	Projected 2018*	2017	% Change (2018* vs. 2017)
Abbotsford	29	39	52	-26
Burnaby	31	41	43	-4
Chilliwack	25	33	23	45
Coquitlam	17	23	28	-19
Langley (City + Township)	24	32	36	-11
Maple Ridge	20	27	31	-14
New Westminster	23	31	24	28
Surrey	162	216	177	22
Other communities	48	64	67	-4
Fraser Health	379	505	481	5
BC	1,143	1,524	1,458	5

Data source: BC Coroners Service. Preliminary data, numbers subject to change.

[^] BC Coroner assigns location based on location of injury (i.e. overdose) and if that is missing, location of death.

* Projected based on available months in 2018.

SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION SITES

Supervised Consumption Sites

In November 2018, there were 3,101 visits for substance use and 31 overdoses reversed at Supervised Consumption Sites. In the previous month, there were 3,299 visits and 25 overdoses reversed.

Overdose Prevention Sites

In November 2018, there were 4,202 visits for any reason, 2,873 visits for substance use, and 1 overdose reversed at Overdose Prevention Sites. In the previous month, there were 4,109 visits for any reason, 3,067 visits for substance use and 9 overdoses reversed.

OVERDOSES ATTENDED BY BC AMBULANCE

In October 2018 there were 546 overdoses responded to by BC Ambulance Services across Fraser Health, compared to 567 in September 2018. The majority of overdoses year to date occurred among males (71%) and people aged 19 to 39 years (55%). 29% of persons declined transportation to medical services from BC Ambulance.

Table 2: Suspected overdose events attended by BC Ambulance Service within Fraser Health, January 2017 to October 2018

Community [^]	2018*			2017		Rate Change (2018* vs. 2017)
	Oct 2018 (12 mo avg~)	Events Jan-Oct	Rate per 100,000	Events	Rate per 100,000	
Abbotsford	53 (51.2)	531	533	645	539	-1
Agassiz/Harrison	<5 (<5)	27	394	36	438	-10
Burnaby	48 (46.0)	456	259	568	269	-4
Chilliwack	35 (38.3)	396	574	475	574	0
City of Langley	17 (14.5)	149	796	285	1,269	-37
Coquitlam	36 (30.8)	312	311	331	275	13
Delta	17 (17.6)	177	240	202	228	5
Hope	<5 (<5)	33	607	38	582	4
Maple Ridge	30 (27.7)	282	485	406	582	-17
Mission	12 (15.0)	152	496	202	550	-10
New Westminister	19 (23.8)	241	437	296	447	-2
Pitt Meadows	<5 (<5)	18	136	57	360	-62
Port Coquitlam	16 (12.5)	128	306	170	338	-10
Port Moody/Anmore/Belcarra	5 (<5)	44	186	48	169	10
South Surrey/White Rock	15 (15.3)	162	231	159	189	22
Surrey	211 (183.5)	1,918	584	2,487	631	-7
Township of Langley	23 (19.0)	190	231	224	227	2
Fraser Health	546 (506.9)	5,216	410	6,629	434	-6

Data Source: Patient Care Record data from BC Emergency Health Services. Preliminary data, numbers subject to change.

Numbers for the most recent month are likely an underestimate and will increase as entry of BC Ambulance Patient Care Records is completed.

[^] Community based on location where the paramedics attended to the suspected overdose event

~ Average of past 12 months, including the current month.

** Rate annualized based on available months for 2018*

Counts under 5 reported as <5 as they are potentially identifiable. Restricted to those 13 years of age or older.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- For more information on Fraser Health's response to the overdose public health emergency, go to <http://www.fraserhealth.ca/overdose>.
- For information on the provincial response to the public health emergency, go to <http://www.bccdc.ca/our-services/programs/overdose-response>
- To access reports from the BC Coroners Service on illicit drug fatalities, click [here](#).