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## Press Release

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### **HEALTH ALERT: Five Reno County Non-Fatal Overdoses in 24 hours**

The purpose of this Health Alert is to inform the community about a recent unusual spike in non-fatal overdoses. The Reno County Health Department has been tracking overdoses and trends since Oct. 1 of 2020. In the last 24 hours there have been 5 non-fatal overdoses, 4 of those involving methamphetamine and 1 involving fentanyl. Methamphetamine is an illegal stimulant that can cause a host of adverse health outcomes. While naloxone (Narcan) is not effective for stimulants, we still strongly encourage everyone to carry naloxone and be trained in how to use it due to the unsafe and toxic drug supply that includes the presence of fentanyl and the suspicion of xylazine. Please contact the Reno County Health Department for education on these varying and emerging community health issues.

Recovery is possible. There are many pathways to recovery. If you are reading this and you or your loved one is experiencing chaotic substance use, please use the resources below. Recovery doesn't have to look a certain way and our community wants to offer its hand to help.

The Reno Recovery Collaborative recommends the following steps and strategies for our community:

- Naloxone (Narcan) education, trainings, and availability <https://www.dccca.org/naloxone-program/>
- Encourage more people to carry naloxone (Narcan)
- Encourage members of our community who use substances to never use alone
- Check in on friends or family regularly that use substances For more local information, education, and specific activities on substance use, or if you want to get involved in the Reno Recovery Collaborative, please contact Seth Dewey at [seth.dewey@renogov.org](mailto:seth.dewey@renogov.org).

#### **State and National Treatment Resources:**

Find a treatment facility: <https://findtreatment.gov/>

National treatment line: 1-800-662-4357

Never Use Alone Hotline: 1-800-484-3731

Kansas Substance Use Disorder Treatment Referral line: 1-866-645-8216

#### **Reno County Resources:**

Kansas Recovery Network: Harm Reduction services, naloxone, fentanyl test strips, etc. and peer navigation <https://hutchinsonnarcan.8b.io/>

Crossover Recovery: 620-669-9024

SACK Detox Unit: 620-259-2063

Breakthru: 620-218-0636

Recovery Response Team: 620-663-7595

Crisis Line: 1-800-794-0163

Reno ASAP Alcohol and Drug Services: 620-665-6446

Horizons Mental Health - phone: 620-663-7595

Website: <http://www.hutchregional.com/locations-services/horizons-mental-health-center>

PrairieStar Health Center - phone: 620-663-8484, Website: <https://www.prairiestarhealth.org>

All these resources and other support groups can be found at [www.renorecoveryks.com](http://www.renorecoveryks.com)

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