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RecoveryOhio Overdose Early Warning Dashboard

STEUBENVILLE, OH – The Jefferson County General Health District is pleased to share that the State of Ohio has launched the RecoveryOhio Overdose Early Warning Dashboard. The first-of-its-kind dashboard draws upon a variety of data sources to pinpoint ZIP codes at increased risk for overdoses up to 30 days in advance. This dashboard is considered to be a groundbreaking tool designed to predict when communities may be at heightened risk for a spike in drug overdoses, allowing local leaders to take action in time to save lives. The dashboard project was led by RecoveryOhio and Innovate Ohio Platform, with additional support from the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Board of Pharmacy, Ohio Supreme Court, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Department of Medicaid, and Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

Per the RecoveryOhio, the dashboard uses statewide indicators for illicit drug use, like emergency medical reports, naloxone administration, socioeconomic indicators, law enforcement data, and more. These inputs fuel a sophisticated predictive model that produces a color-coded risk map of Ohio ZIP codes which are categorized into one of five risk levels: low, minor, moderate, significant, or severe. These reflect the risk level in a particular community up to 30 days in advance and are accessible on the tool's default tab "Suspected Drug Poisoning Risk Predictions". Jefferson County currently has three ZIP codes in the significant category: 43952, 43944, and 43909. In addition to the data, there is also a resource locator on the dashboard.

The Jefferson County General Health District is committed to working with local partners to reduce overdose fatalities. Since Jefferson County overdose fatalities reached record highs in 2022 with 40 deaths, the county has seen a steep decline in deaths the last two years with 22 in 2023 and 14 in 2024. While these numbers are promising, non-fatal drug overdoses continue to remain steady. This new dashboard is another vital step in community recovery efforts. The dashboard can be accessed by following the link:

https://data.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/data/view/recoh_od_early_warning?visualize=true

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