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## News Release

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### Fatal Overdose Alert

**STEUBENVILLE, OH** – The Jefferson County General Health District (JCGHD) has received reports of two fatal overdoses in last 48 hours in downtown Steubenville. Both fatal overdoses occurred in Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority units: one each in the South End and North End. Toxicology reports are not available at this time. While these two fatal overdoses are a sign of a potentially bad batch of illicit drugs in the community, there have been no other reports of overdose spikes in Jefferson County.

These are the first fatal overdoses in Jefferson County since April 30, 2024. According to the most recent data, Jefferson County has 11 fatal overdoses year to date for 2024. Trends for 2024 are similar to 2023 data.

As the Fourth of July holiday week is upon us, it is an important time to remind residents of the risks of drug and alcohol abuse. If you or someone you know struggles with opioid addiction, always carry naloxone (narcans). Furthermore, even though the JCGHD never encourages drug use of any kind, if you cannot overcome the urge to use illicit drugs, never use alone.

Naloxone is available at the JCGHD and the Family Recovery Center. There are also Naloxboxes located at the Family Recovery Center and the RT 7 rest area in Irondale. If you are in need of substance abuse support, call the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. In the event of an immediate medical emergency, call 911.