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Fatal Overdose Alert

STEUBENVILLE, OH – Jefferson County is experiencing a spike in fatal overdoses for calendar year 2026. As of this release, May 8, fatal overdoses have reached eight (8) for 2026. The upward trend saw Jefferson County experience four (4) fatal overdoses in the month of April. The latest confirmed death occurred on April 28. In comparison, there were ten (10) confirmed fatal overdoses throughout the entirety of calendar year 2025. Locations of overdose deaths appear to be widespread throughout Jefferson County. Areas with confirmed fatal overdoses include the following communities: Steubenville, Wintersville, Mingo Junction, Brilliant, and Bloomingdale.

The Jefferson County General Health District (JCGHD) urges residents to understand the risks of drug and alcohol abuse. If you or someone you know struggles with opioid addiction, always carry naloxone (Narcan). 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. The 988 Lifeline is available for mental health and drug crisis situations. Also, call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357) for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders.

Naloxone is available at the JCGHD and the Family Recovery Center. There are also a number Naloxboxes located throughout Jefferson County that can be accessed 24/7, such as Chrysalis Health on Sunset Blvd, the Jefferson County Justice Center, and 107 Main Street in Wintersville by the Trinity Health System physician clinics. The naloxone supply is checked regularly in these Naloxboxes, but please call the JCGHD at 740-283-8350 if you notice that a box has been emptied.