# Community Drug Poisoning (Overdose) Response Plan Revision

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#### Outline

- Background of the current response plans
- Review of the purpose of the plan
- Plan components
- Need to revise
- Considerations for municipalities

## Background

- Mandated by MOHLTC in 2016
- 2 reports were produced in July 2017; Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Community Response and the Opioid Overdose Cluster Plan
- Developed in partnership with municipalities, first responders and community agencies
- Linked to the CSWB plan in Lanark

## Intention of the Response Plan

- Outlines the driving forces and current landscape of situation on LGL
- Identify key locally focused strategies and areas for ongoing action (baseline activities)
- Surge identification and response actions
- Recovery response

## Plan Components

#### Mandatory

- Education and awareness building
- Drug poisoning early warning and surveillance system
- Naloxone distribution strategy
- Harm reduction outreach services

#### **Locally Focused**

 Community healing (addressing community level trauma from the overdose crisis)



## Why Revise Now?

- Current plans are dated (2017)
- Significantly different situation in 2023 than in 2017 (change is substances, increases in overdose, increases in homelessness)
- Growing body of evidence based research and best practice guidelines now available
- Impact of the pandemic on the people who use substances and the social determinants of health

## Considerations for Municipalities

- 1. What information related to drug poisonings is needed?
- 2. How could information be used to inform decisions?
- 3. What is best format and method to receive information?
- 4. Are there service gaps that need to addressed in order to ensure a comprehensive response plan?
- 5. Who else (individuals, agencies etc.) should we be ensuring that are consulted during this revision process?

## Community Consultation Process

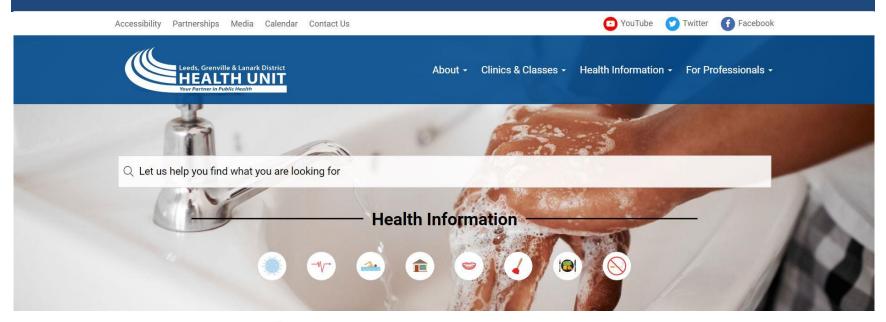
- Late Fall 2023
- Inviting municipalities, community partners and people with lived and living experience
- Draft community response plan to be presented
- Working together to provide feedback and further align the plan with the broad needs of the communities

## Questions?



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