

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit Media Release

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Bootleg Fentanyl

Bootleg Fentanyl has been found in several cities in Ontario including Ottawa, Kingston and in the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark region. Bootleg Fentanyl is an opioid that is 100% pure. It can be found in powdered form, pressed into pills or mixed into other drugs such as heroin or cocaine.

What is the Health Units role?

The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit will be;

- Partnering with community agencies to increase awareness around bootleg fentanyl
- Bringing community partners together to develop a response plan to prevent Bootleg Fentanyl deaths
- Providing ongoing surveillance and communication
- Providing Naloxone (the antidote for opioid overdose) kits to people that are currently using or have a dependency on opioids.

What is the public's role?

- Increasing awareness around Bootleg Fentanyl.
- Identifying signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose
 - o Breathing is very slow, erratic or not at all
 - o Fingernails and/or lips turn blue
 - o Body is limp
 - o Unconscious
 - o Deep snoring or gurgling
 - o Pin point pupils
 - o Vomiting
- Calling 911 in any overdose situation

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