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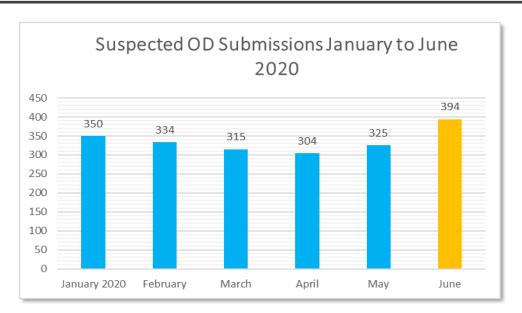
SWORD Statewide Reporting June 2020

In the month of June 2020, there were 394 calls in to the CT Poison Control Center (CPCC). Of these calls, 371 were non-fatal and 22 resulted in fatalities. There were 320 total naloxone administrations: 219 non-fatal multiple doses of naloxone administered, 91 non-fatal single dose naloxone, and 44 non-fatal with no naloxone administered. Eighteen (18) non-fatal with "unknown" naloxone administered. Of the 22 fatalities, seven (7) received multiple doses of naloxone, three (3) were given a single dose, and eleven (11) with no naloxone administered. One (1) fatal with no naloxone. The gender breakdown for the state is: Male (309); Female (84) and (1) unknown.

The 394 cases involved suspected overdoses from all of our counties: Fairfield (71), Hartford (123), Litchfield (34), Middlesex (19), New Haven (117), New London (18), Tolland and Windham (12). The age breakdown of the patients is as follows: 0 to 24 years of age (22); 25 to 34 years of age (94); 35 to 44 years of age (102); 45 to 54 years of age (69); 55 to 64 years of age (86); 65 years of age and older (15); age unknown (6).

*Numbers subject to change

*TIP: Store the CPCC number in your cell for ease of use! 1-800-222-1222



This graph shows the total suspected overdoses called into CPCC by month since January 2020

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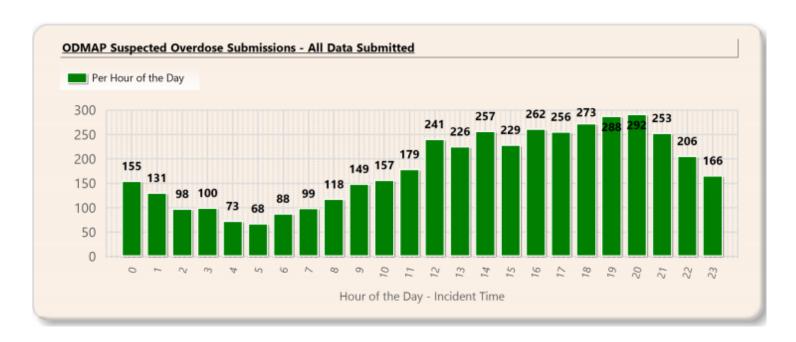
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have called in SWORD cases to the CPCC. Keep up the great work!



June, 2020 ODMAP Suspected OD Submissions by day.

This graph shows total suspected overdoses called in each day during the time period. The red line running horizontally shows a 3-day moving average of call-ins.



Cumulative (June 2019—June, 2020) Overdoses by the Hour of the Day

This graph shows the hour of the day suspected overdose incidents have occurred statewide since the SWORD program began on June 1, 2019.

Note: All data in this newsletter comes from reports made by CT EMS and can be viewed in ODMAP Level 2

Multiple Overdose Scenes

There have been 141 reports of multiple victim suspected opioid overdose scenes since Connecticut Emergency Medical Services (CT EMS) providers began reporting suspected opioid overdoses through the Statewide Opioid Reporting Directive (SWORD) to the Connecticut Poison Control Center (CPCC) on June 1, 2019. Fifteen (15) of these were in the month of June 2020, with an additional fifteen (15) in the first three weeks of July 2020. While only 2% of overdose scenes involve multiple victims, these reports are extremely helpful to all who are monitoring the Opioid Epidemic. Multiple victim suspected opioid overdose scenes can often indicate either a highly potent and, or, a contaminated drug supply. These reports can spur quick action by local public health and safety officials to take steps to mitigate possible threats to the health of citizens with opioid use disorder. If you are called to a multiple victim suspected opioid overdose scene, please be sure to mention this to the CT Poison Control (CPCC) Specialist when making your SWORD report. Remember, SWORD reporting is not only the law, it is vitally important to public health, public safety, and behavioral health stakeholders to understand and be able to react with resources in near real-time. Thank you for ensuring that all cases involved are called in either by you or your fellow responders as soon as possible after patient care. Thanks for all you do!



The following are some of the bag stamps encountered in June: Takin' Over, Out of This World, Skullcrusher, Death Row, and Party Rock. This information is shared with public health and safety officials and harm reduction groups, enabling them to better target resources. If present, and safe to do so, responders are urged to take a photo of the identified heroin bag at the scene and email to poisoncontrol@uchc.edu with the CPCC case number given when the reported overdose is called in.

* A glycine heroine bag, "Death Row", is pictured at left

Do you need help accessing ODMAP Level 1 (Spike Alert Level) or Level 2 (Map Level)?

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Thank you for your participation!

