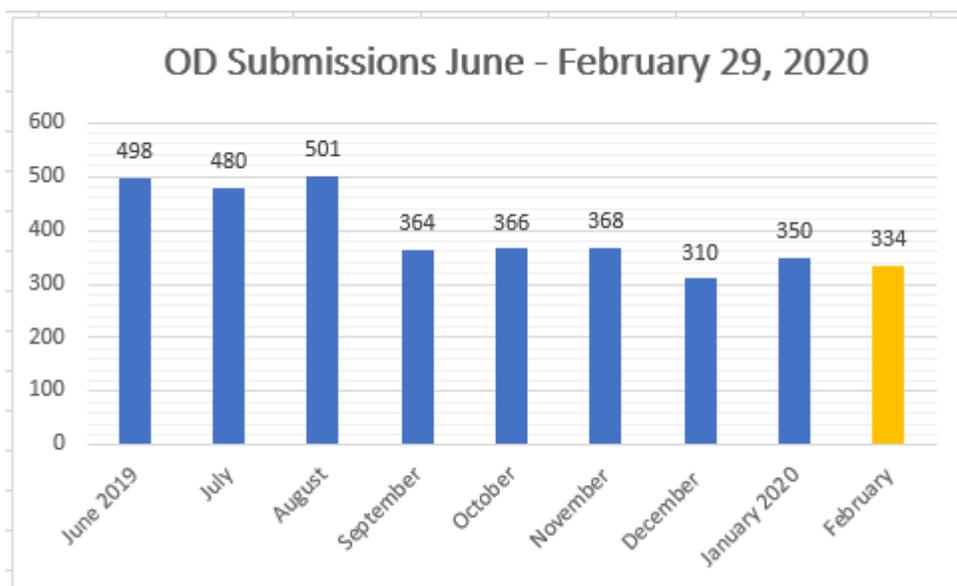


SWORD Statewide Reporting February 2020

In the month of February 2020, there were 334 calls into the CT Poison Control Center (CPCC). Of these calls, 313 were non-fatal and 21 resulted in fatalities. There were 279 total naloxone administrations: 198 non-fatal multiple doses of naloxone administered, 69 non-fatal single dose naloxone, and 44 non-fatal with no naloxone administered. Two (2) non-fatal with “unknown” naloxone administered. Of the 21 fatalities, 9 received multiple doses of naloxone, three (3) were given a single dose, and nine (9) with no naloxone administered. The gender breakdown for the state is: Male (266); Female (60) and (8) unknown.

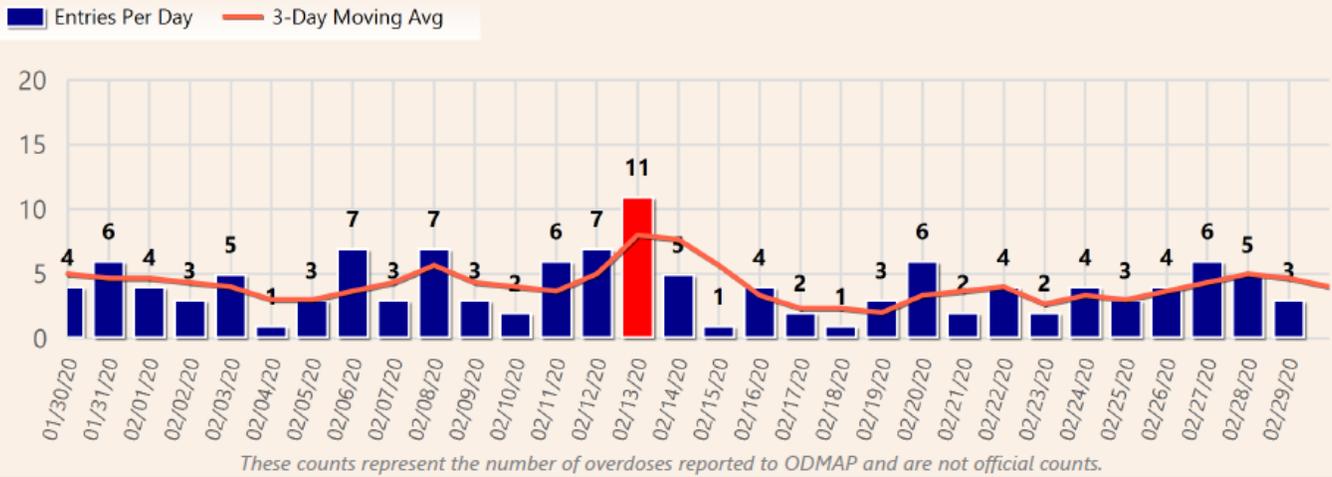
The 334 cases involved suspected overdoses from all of our counties: Fairfield (53), Hartford (118), Litchfield (19), Middlesex (17), New Haven (69), New London (34), Tolland (9) and Windham (15). The age breakdown of the patients is as follows: 0 to 18 years of age (6); 19 to 24 years of age (19); 25 to 34 years of age (99); 35 to 44 years of age (88); 45 to 54 years of age (57); 55 to 64 years of age (42); 65 years of age and older (18); age unknown (5).



This graph shows the total suspected overdoses called into CPCC by month since the inception of the SWORD project, June 1, 2019

KUDOS: [REDACTED], and all who have called in SWORD cases to the CPCC. Keep up the great work!

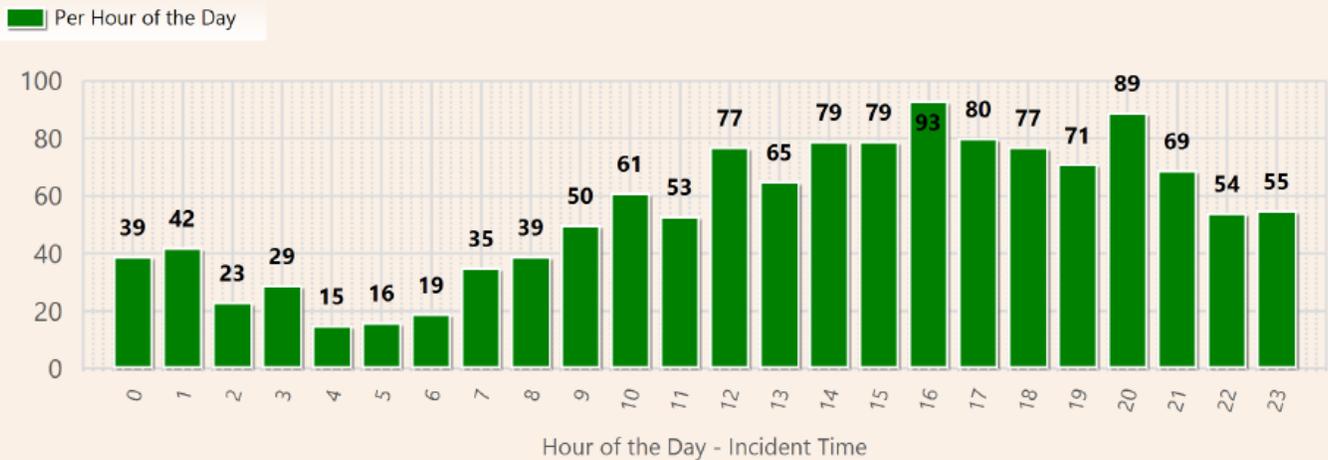
ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - In the Last Month



February, 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.

ODMAP Suspected Overdose Submissions - All Data Submitted



Cumulative (June—February 29, 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

What Happens with Opioid Overdose Data?

The Opioid Overdose Data you report to the Connecticut Poison Control is eagerly reviewed by state and local public health, along with safety and community groups. Collectively, they use the data to address the opioid overdose epidemic killed over 1,200 people in Connecticut last year. The chart on page 2 reveals the hours of the week when overdoses are most likely to occur. This information is used to understand when to best schedule availability of recovery coaches in emergency departments to help overdose victims navigate recovery options. It also helps with scheduling naloxone training and harm reduction outreach efforts. Local health departments (LHD), and, or, districts have access to this data for the towns they service. LHDs depends on EMS reporting ALL opioid overdoses to get the most accurate picture of the epidemic. EMS should call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 to report all suspected opioid overdoses whether or not naloxone was given.



The following are some of the bag stamps encountered in November: The Gambler, No Bullshit, CHOPS, Nite Nite, Four of a Kind, Amazing, The Mechanic, and GI Joe Cobra. 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.

* " NITE NITE " bag pictured

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

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Thank you for your participation!

