JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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Overdose Activity in Jefferson County - ALERT

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Jefferson County, NY has experienced 5 overdoses from drug use within the last 24 hours. Narcotics are the suspected primary drug, however other drugs or a combination of drugs could be causing the overdoses. 4 individuals overdosed and survived; there was 1 fatality. 4 overdoses occurred in the City of Watertown; 1 overdose occurred outside the city.

There have been 6 confirmed overdose deaths for 2019. However, beginning in October, there are an additional 11 possible overdose deaths pending toxicology confirmation, 3 from October; 7 from November; and 1 from December.

The Jefferson County Public Health Service, Department of Community Services, and the Alliance for Better Communities want to remind people that a number of community resources have been established and expanded to help people who have substance use disorders, and for people to access these resources to receive assistance and treatment:

Anchor Recovery Center of NNY: (315) 836-3460
Credo Community Center for Treatment of Addictions: (315) 788-1530
ACR Health: (315) 785-8222
Samaritan Addiction Services: (315) 779-5060
Samaritan Medical Center - Social Worker on Call: (315) 785-4516
Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living: (315) 785-8703 business hours; and (315) 785-8708 nights and weekends.
Mobile Crisis Jefferson County: (315) 782-2327
Hope Line: 1-877-8-HOPENY or Text 46736

To receive Naloxone training and free kits, contact Credo, ACR Health, or the Anchor Recovery Center of NNY

The public is also reminded of New York State’s 911 Good Samaritan Law, which allows people to call 911 without fear of arrest due to drug possession if they are having a drug or alcohol overdose that requires emergency medical care or if they witness someone overdosing.

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Additional information regarding this situation will be forthcoming.

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