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****Fentanyl WARNING for Students and Their Parents****

Nationwide cities and towns are seeing an increase in unintentional overdoses due to "laced" or counterfeit drugs containing Fentanyl. Fentanyl is not easily identifiable and is commonly mistaken for other controlled substances or prescriptions. Moreover, Fentanyl overdose deaths are most common among young adults and youth. Unfortunately, our community is not immune.

Be Aware:

- Often counterfeit pills, which can look like common prescription drugs, may contain Fentanyl.
- Do not consume any pill that does not come directly from a pharmacist or your prescriber.
- Pills purchased online are not safe and are not regulated for content.
- Most users get their drugs from friends over social media platforms. Given this is the case, parents should monitor their children's Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and other social media accounts. Look for language that seems strange or could be "code words" about drugs.
- Educate your children on the dangers of Fentanyl and drug use in general. Fentanyl is a drug that can take a life from a minimal first dose.

What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid drug that is approximately 100 times more powerful than other opioids. Fentanyl is often added to illicit street drugs, such as fake pills, and can also

appear in liquid or powder forms. Law enforcement is also seeing this dangerous drug accompanying marijuana, vaping substances, counterfeit “gummies”, and other forms of “candy”. Fentanyl and other opioids cause overdose by slowing respiration rates to the point of eventual death. Fentanyl does not have a taste or smell and is non-distinguishable by sight from other drugs, prescription or illicit. **Fentanyl can easily be ingested just by breathing it into one’s lungs or can be quickly absorbed through the skin. This substance is incredibly dangerous!**

Where Are We Seeing Fentanyl Locally?

- Summit County Law Enforcement has seen Fentanyl overdoses and seized drugs containing Fentanyl in our community at large and in our schools.
- In our area, Fentanyl is most commonly seen in blue, greenish, or pale colored counterfeit pills. These pills may have markings like “M30” and sometimes as “K9,” “215,” and “v48.” Fentanyl may also be in a powder form, most commonly white in color.
- Oxycodone and OxyContin pills that are sold on the street or online likely contain fentanyl.
- The amount of fentanyl found in a specific pill can vary. Ingesting a counterfeit pill or substance might get the user high, but it might also end their life. Unfortunately, there is no way of knowing until it’s too late.

How Can We Prevent Fentanyl Overdoses?

- Understanding the signs of overdose or excessive opioid use is crucial.
Signs of potential overdose:
 - ✓ Won’t wake up or it’s difficult to awaken them
 - ✓ Slow or labored breathing/not breathing
 - ✓ Pale, cool skin
 - ✓ Blue lips or fingernails
 - ✓ Abnormal snoring pattern (unusually loud)
 - ✓ Extreme drowsiness
- If you witness an overdose, call 9-1-1 right away. Utah’s Good Samaritan laws will protect you and the person who is overdosing from drug possession charges or liabilities.
- Administer naloxone (Narcan), a nasal spray that counteracts the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose. Find out where you can get Narcan at <http://www.utahnaloxone.org/>.
- Properly dispose of unused or expired medications, and if you think your children do not know where they are hidden, think again. The Park City Police Department, Summit County Sheriff’s Office, as well as Local law enforcement agencies nationwide have medication disposal boxes for unused or expired medications in their lobbies for your convenience.

- If you locate any unknown substance, powder, or pill, do not touch the substance; it could contain Fentanyl. Instead, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately!

This public announcement's purpose is to provide education to help protect our community and children. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to take the enclosed information seriously and act now to safeguard their children. If a parent or citizen has a specific question, they are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agency or School resource Officer directly. The Summit County Sheriff's Office, the Park City Police Department, and the Park City School District are not planning a press conference at this time. A resource for help with combating addiction can be found at www.shamsha.gov (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). Photographs of fentanyl and how they are packaged for distribution can be viewed on the DEA website at <https://www.dea.gov/galleries/drug-images/fentanyl> .