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Harm Reduction Kits Available for Pick up

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Currently, the risk of opioid overdose is higher than ever before. In 2021, Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported 1,427 overdose deaths similar to federal data for other states per population. From 2018-2020, opioid-related deaths increased by 46%. Substance abuse happens in both urban and rural communities.

Free drug harm reduction kits containing Narcan and education on how to use the items will be available for pick up at the Florence County Health Department and Human Services Department beginning November 28, 2023. “Harm reduction is one step towards comprehensive services to combat substance abuse and prevent overdoses,” stated Florence County Health Officer Annette Seibold. Both Fentanyl strips and Narcan are available at various locations in Wisconsin and Michigan. There will be no questions asked of people picking up the kits. The anonymous pick up is available for loved ones as well. Kits are also available through the Human Services Department.

Florence County Health Department can be reached at 715-528-4837 (ask for Alisha), located in the Courthouse at 501 Lake Avenue or visit our website at <http://www.florencecountywi.com/>. The health department is located on the second floor, 501 Lake Avenue in the Florence County Courthouse, open Monday through Thursday and by appointment. Need health insurance? Visit access.wi.gov to see if you qualify for benefits.

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