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The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit and Eastern Ontario Health Unit are alerting local schools and the community that there is confirmation of illicit (non-prescription) Fentanyl in our area. We are approaching all schools with grade 7-12 students to assist us in ensuring students, parents and teachers are aware that this drug is in the area and how to reduce the risk of harm, injury or death, if they choose to use it.

We are extremely concerned that young people may be unknowingly exposed to this extremely toxic drug as it is being mixed in other drugs such as cocaine, crystal meth, heroin and marijuana as well as being sold as percocet and oxycodone.

As part of a harm reduction approach, Naloxone kits, a drug used to reverse an overdose are now available to family and friends of those who currently use opioids or have used opioids in the past. This is very important as it increases the number of people in the community that can respond to an opioid overdose. Information on how to obtain a kit is outlined in the resources below.

We have included an electronic copy of a Resource for Teachers to guide student discussion, Student Alert and a Parent Alert which can be used on social media sites. For those schools within Leeds, Grenville & Lanark, hard copies of each resource listed above will be distributed by a Public Health Nurse. If you have any questions or require further support please contact the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit's Health Action Line at 1-800-660-5853 or Eastern Ontario Health Unit's Health Line at 1-800-267-7120.



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