



## St. Lawrence County Public Health Department

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### St. Lawrence County Public Health to hold Overdose Prevention Event

**Canton, NY** — The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, in collaboration with the Seaway Valley Prevention Council, will hold an Overdose Prevention Pop-Up Event on April 17, 2024. The event will take place at 56-58 Main Street, Massena, NY.

This event is intended to educate the public on the dangers of drug overdose and the importance of prevention and will provide free overdose reversing medication, Narcan (naloxone) and other materials to the community.

Items available include:

- Narcan (naloxone)
- Fentanyl test strips
- Xylazine test strips
- Other resources and educational materials

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 106,699 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States in 2021, for every drug overdose that results in death, there are many more nonfatal overdoses. Although synthetic opioids, such as illicitly made fentanyl, are currently the main reason for overdose deaths, deaths involving drugs with and without synthetic opioids are increasing. **NO DRUG IS SAFE.**

You can reduce your risk and harm by:

- Testing your supply with test strips for Fentanyl and Xylazine.
- Avoid using alone, and if you do, call the Never Use Alone Hotline at (800) 484-3731 to have an operator stand by while you use.
- Have an overdose plan.
- Carry Narcan (naloxone).

This event is free and open to the community. For more information, please call 315-386-2325 or email [phogle@stlawco.gov](mailto:phogle@stlawco.gov).

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