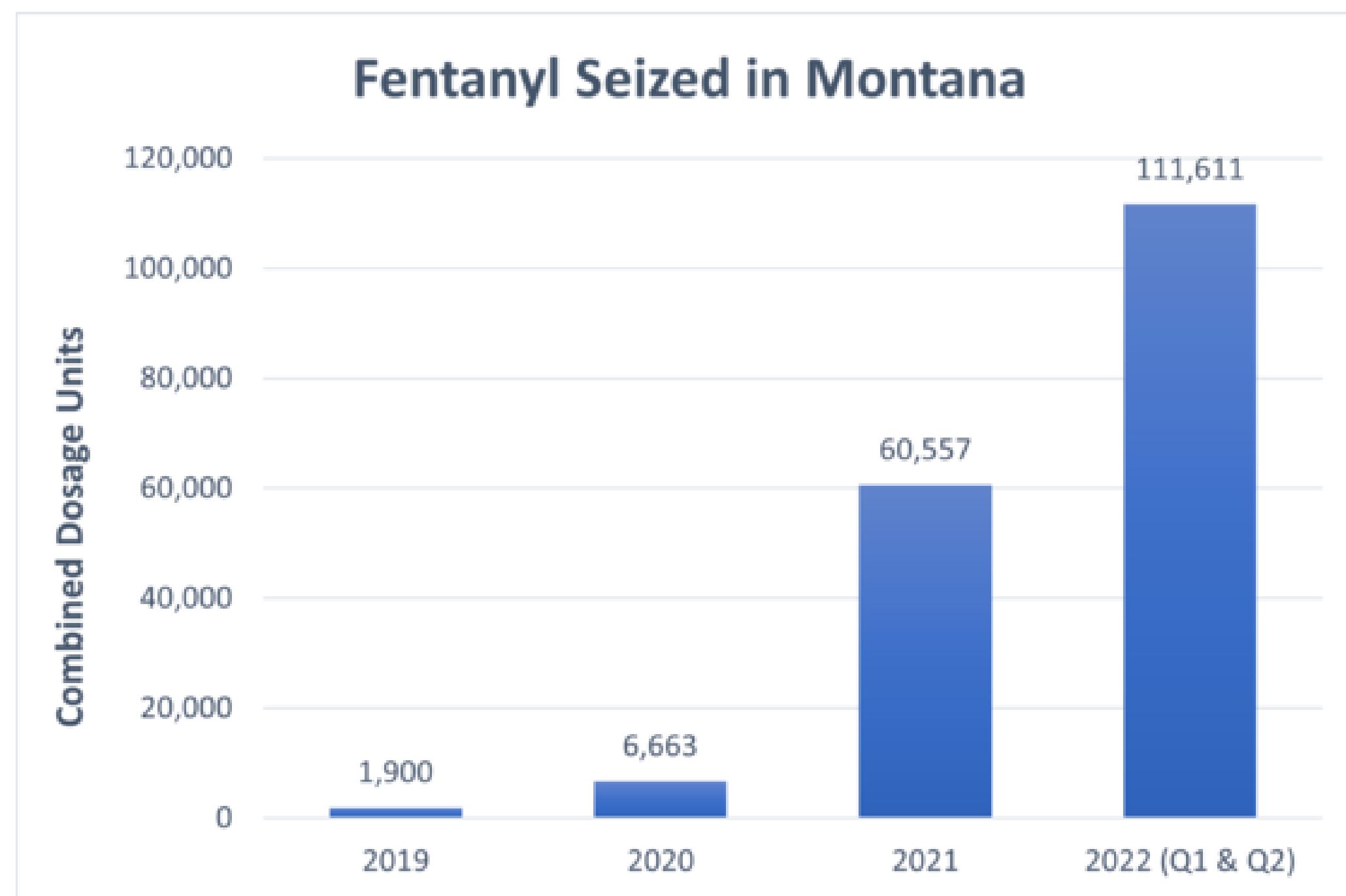
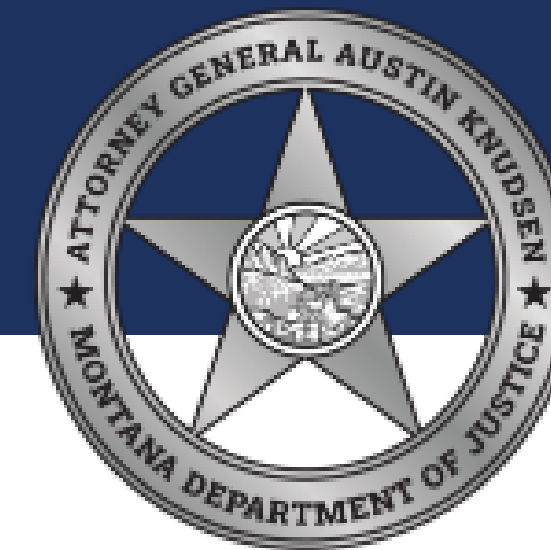


**a resolution addressing and urging the
use of drug checking tools in an effort to
prevent overdoses and promote public
health, safety, and general welfare**

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The amount of fentanyl in Montana is rising rapidly



Drug overdoses in Montana are rising and fentanyl can spread through a community rapidly

Montana DPHHS

January 24, 2023

From **January 11 to January 23**, a total of **28 non-fatal and 8 fatal overdoses**, likely due to opioids, have occurred in 13 different counties (including Missoula) affecting individuals aged 24 to 60 years old

We need to make
change locally to help
prevent the rise of
overdoses in Missoula

LOCAL NEWS

Fentanyl suspected in 8 fatal overdoses over 9 days

Zoë Buchli | Jan 24, 2023

The eight deaths were part of 36 total overdoses, and many people told officials they had taken fentanyl before their overdose.



16 DAYS AGO

10 Montana counties see uptick in fentanyl overdoses

The Ravalli County Sheriff's Office and Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement announced 10 counties across the state have seen an uptick in what they believe to be f

Fentanyl has been found locally in these substances:

M30 pills

These are the most common pills containing fentanyl in our area.



V48 & A215 pills

These pills, although less common, may also contain fentanyl.



Powders

Fentanyl can also be found in white powders.



15 DAYS AGO

Fentanyl overdoses spike across Montana

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services released troubling new information on the fentanyl overdose spiking across the Treasure State. In just

LETTERS

Letter to the editor: The system failed

Jan 27, 2023

I have, in the past five days, lost two people to addiction. Both were working a program of recovery, but had relapses, which is not uncommon ...

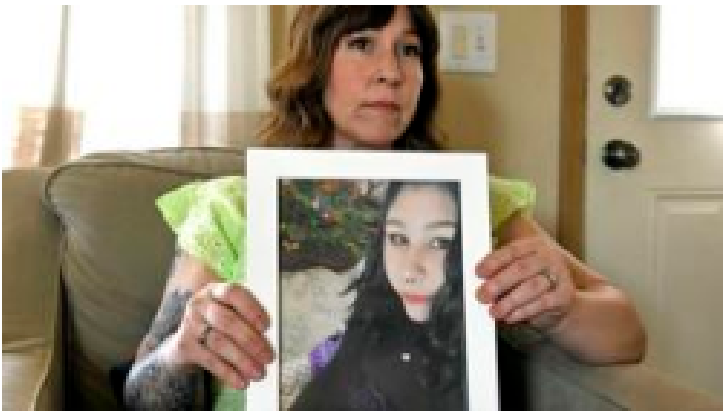


LOCAL NEWS

Missoula mom grieves daughter who died from fentanyl overdose, remembers her

Zoë Buchli | Mar 18, 2022

Jane Mann lost her daughter, Tasia Mann, last spring to a fentanyl overdose in Missoula.



The what and why of drug checking tools

Barriers to access?

Drug checking tools (such as fentanyl test strips) help identify the presence of contaminants/other drugs.

These are proven behavioral tools which can reduce the probability of an overdose or overdose death.



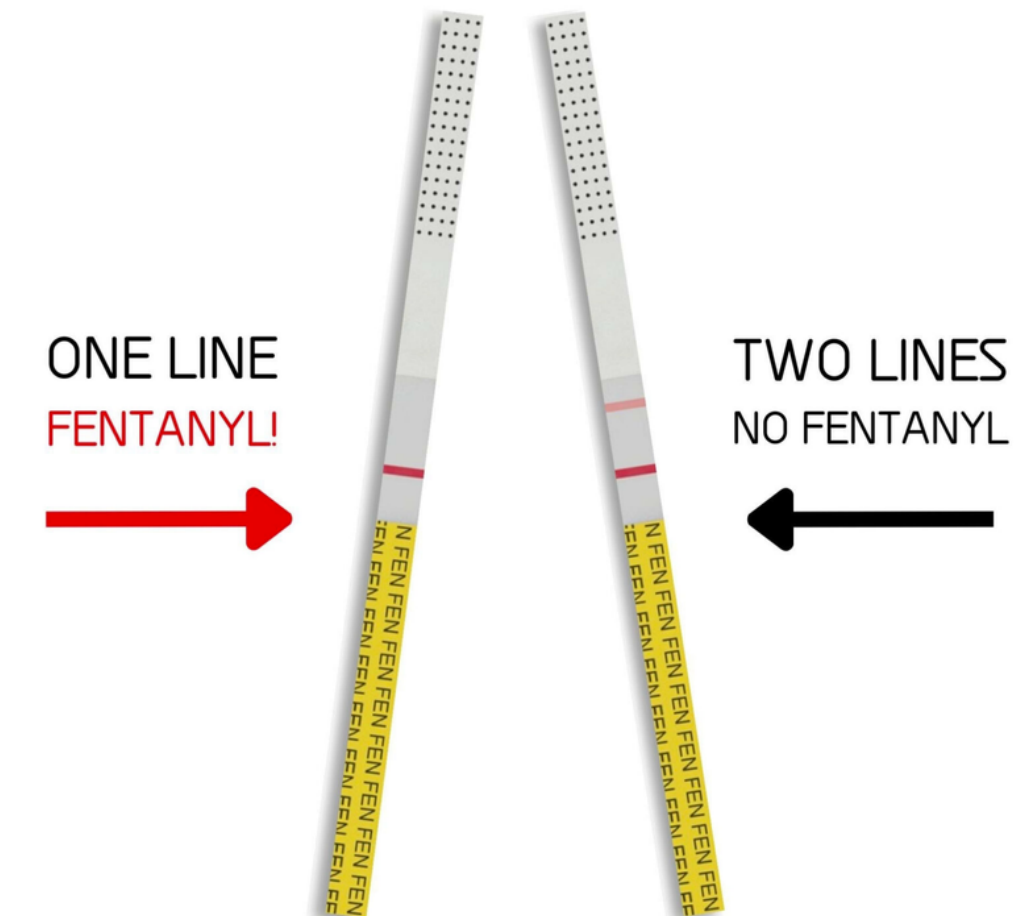
Fentanyl Test Strip (FTS) Research

Of 81 (87%) participants who returned for follow-up, the majority (77%) used at least one FTS, and of those, a majority found them to be useful and straightforward to use.

Positive FTS results led some participants to alter their drug use behaviors, including **discarding their drug supply, using with someone else, and keeping naloxone nearby**. Participants also reported giving FTS to friends who they felt were at high risk for fentanyl exposure.

Why is it important for our community to have access to drug checking tools?

**Narcan/naloxone only works
after someone has overdosed,
whereas fentanyl test strips
may *preempt* an overdose from
occurring**



**Funding from opioid
lawsuit settlement**

**Drug checking tools are
an inexpensive solution
to helping prevent
overdoses**

**Missoula is eligible for
approximately \$223,000 from
the Johnson & Johnson opioid
lawsuit settlement in the first
year and approximately
\$150,000 each year for the
next 18 years**

**as low as 45 cents per drug
checking tool**

Legalize



The Montana State House just passed HB 437 to decriminalize all drug checking tools, and this bill is supported by the DOJ & DPHHS

De-Stigmatize



We can support the practice of using drug checking tools by people who use drugs, just as we support sobriety, treatment, & other harm reduction practices

Make Accessible



If passed, Missoula's Resolution will commit the City to consistently providing & distributing drug checking tools & educational materials to the community

What this resolution is asking for

Provide drug checking tools and relevant educational materials to residents through local government agencies and public health stakeholders in the community

Do a Public Service Announcement and provide clear signage to announce this policy and encourage people who use drugs to seek out drug checking tools to bolster the health, well-being, and safety of all Missoulians