



MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE



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Medical Examiner: Drugs kill 8 on Thursday

CLEVELAND –Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson, today issued yet another public health alert for Cuyahoga County, stating that at least 8 suspected overdose deaths occurred yesterday.

“Much like a month ago, yesterday’s overdose cluster is very concerning. Again, the public needs to be aware that using street drugs in and around Cuyahoga County is deadly,” the Medical Examiner warned. “Resources are available to lessen the dangers, but the simple fact is there is only one sure way to avoid these tragic ends. Get yourself into treatment before it is too late” Dr. Gilson urged.

Expedited forensic testing will seek to confirm which drug(s) may have caused yesterday’s cluster. Cuyahoga County is still projected to suffer more than 700 overdose deaths this year.

Death Date Month	Death Date Day	Death Date Year	Gender	Age	Hispanic	Race	Residence City
12	02	2021	Male	Unknown	No	Black	Unknown
12	02	2021	Male	51 years	No	White	Cleveland
12	02	2021	Male	53 years	No	Black	East Cleveland
12	02	2021	Female	48 years	No	Black	Cleveland
12	02	2021	Female	40 years	No	White	Cleveland
12	02	2021	Male	51 years	No	White	Unknown
12	02	2021	Male	31 years	No	White	Louisville
12	02	2021	Male	60 years	No	Black	Cleveland

Short-term and long-term intervention is available. Furthermore, Naloxone and fentanyl test strips, will work with most fentanyl analogues. For a list of community walk-in clinics, please visit:

<https://www.metrohealth.org/office-of-opioid-safety/project-dawn>

If you or anyone that you know is actively using or recovering from opioid addiction, contact Project DAWN for information at 216-778-5677. [Eligible program participants](#), are given FREE Naloxone kits – the opioid reversing antidote.

Additionally, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County provides a 24-hour crisis hotline at 216-623-6888.