Increase in Tennessee Drug Overdoses During COVID-19

Nonfatal Opioid Overdose

From March-June of 2020, TN saw a 33% increase in nonfatal opioid overdoses compared to March-June of 2019.

All 13 regions have seen above average nonfatal opioid overdose counts during COVID-19, and 11 have seen remarkably elevated counts.

Tennessee is divided into 13 public health regions.

Among ages 18-44, nonfatal overdoses increased roughly 40%.

Fatal Drug Overdose

Preliminary data suggest that drug overdose deaths continue to increase in 2020 in comparison to 2019.

Much of the increase in fatal overdoses can be attributed to illicit use of the drug fentanyl.

For more information on overdose in Tennessee and what you can do to help, visit TNtogether.com

Learn more from our data dashboard:
https://tinyurl.com/s5m33st

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