

SAN BENITO COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

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RAINBOW FENTANYL

What is Rainbow fentanyl? Fentanyl is a potent opioid which has been found in rainbow-colored pills, block, and powder. These are made to look like candy, marshmallows, or sidewalk chalk- very appealing to youth. This is a deliberate effort by drug traffickers to drive addiction amongst kids and young adults. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) warns the public that any pill, regardless of its color, shape or size that does not come from a healthcare provider or pharmacist can contain fentanyl and can be deadly.

RECOGNIZING SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE:

- SMALL, CONSTRICTED "PINPOINT PUPILS"
- FALLING ASLEEP OR LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS
- SLOW, WEAK, OR NO BREATHING
- CHOKING OR GURGLING SOUNDS
- LIMP BODY - COLD AND/OR CLAMMY SKIN
- DISCOLORED SKIN (ESPECIALLY IN LIPS AND NAILS)

CENTRAL COAST OVERDOSE PREVENTION TEAM:



The San Benito County (SBC) Opioid Task force has participated in the California Overdose Prevention Network (COPN) Accelerator Program for the last three years. The latest COPN 4.0 program offers the opportunity to continue working with our regional team which includes: Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz overdose prevention coalitions. These three coalitions have joined forces as the Central Coast Overdose Prevention Team, while continuing their individual coalition work as well.

The focus of the Central Coast Team and 4.0 program will be to focus on equity in prevention to help California communities embed equity principles and practices in order to strengthen response to fentanyl and other drug misuse issues. Team leads for our Central Coast Coalition will be Rita Hewitt (Santa Cruz) and Adriana Garcia (San Benito).

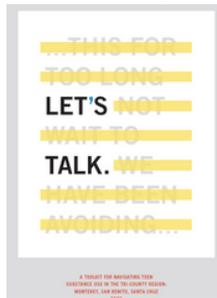
For more information see COPN website at [Overdose Prevention Network \(COPN\)](https://www.copn.org/) and/ or contact Adriana at adgarcia@cosb.us

LET'S TALK BOOKLET

Let's Talk Booklet is collaborative effort by our Central Coast Regional Coalition to help parents be more informed and think about how to communicate with their youth and loved ones about substance use...know the facts, communicate openly, and listen. The booklet was tailored to reflect our tri-county area and was mailed to the families of incoming 9th graders.

For an electronic pdf copy, go to OTF website <https://www.sbcopioidtaskforce.org/parent-resources> or click on the photo.

Also, we do have extra hard copies (English and/ or Spanish). If you would like hard copies, please contact Adriana Garcia at adgarcia@cosb.us



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NALOXONE

Where can you get it?

1. Check your local pharmacies- The pharmacist can furnish it without a prescription and it's covered by most insurances
2. Visit <https://nextdistro.org/cachoice> for free naloxone mailed to you
3. Call San Benito County Opioid Task Force C/o SBC Public Health at 831-637-5367



SAFE DISPOSAL

Medication & Sharps Disposal in San Benito County

Improper disposal of medication and sharps poses serious health and safety threats. Use this guide for free, safe, and proper disposal of your used sharps and unused or expired medications.

Mail-Back Envelopes

Free and available at all local pharmacies and at San Benito County Public Health Services located at:
301 Tree Pines Road, A-202
Hollister, CA 95023
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

Fill the envelope with unused, unwanted, or expired medications, seal the envelope, and drop off at your local USPS mailbox. Shipping costs are included.

Sharps Disposal Kiosks

- Aromas Water District
300 Bowen Ave, Aromas, CA 95004
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am - 5 pm
- San Benito Sheriff's Office
2200 Technology Pkwy, Hollister, CA 95023
Monday to Friday 8 am - 5 pm

Used sharps must be in an approved sharps container to dispose of at these locations. Loose sharps will not be accepted as they pose a risk to individuals disposing of their sharps containers and those receiving the kiosks.

When disposing of your sharps containers at the San Benito Sheriff's Office please ensure you place them in the sharps kiosk and not the medication disposal kiosk.

John Smith Road Landfill Monthly Take Back Events

- Sharps Disposal Event
- 2800 John Smith Road, Hollister, CA 95023
- 3rd Saturday of Every Month
- 8 am - 12 pm
- Max 15 gallons or 25 lbs.
- Proof of residency required



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Medication Disposal Kiosks

- Hollister Police Department
3185 Apollo Way, Hollister, CA 95023
Monday 9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday to Thursday 8 am - 5 pm
Friday 8 am - 4 pm
- iCare Pharmacy
1200 Sunnyvale Rd, Hollister, CA 95023
Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
- San Benito Sheriff's Office
2200 Technology Pkwy, Hollister, CA 95023
Monday to Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Drop off any unused, unwanted, or expired medications into the bin, they can be left in the bottles and you can block out any personal info.

Prescription Drug Take Back Events

- Every April and October
- Hosted by Hollister Police Department
- Drop off any unused, unwanted, or expired medications and sharps in an approved sharps container.
- Please follow @hollisterpolice on Facebook and Instagram for reminders and event info.

Need an approved sharps container?

- San Benito County Integrated Waste Management can provide one to you for free.
- Call 831-636-4100 or email icw@cosb.us
- Available for purchase at local pharmacies.
- San Benito County Integrated Waste Management can provide different sized sharps containers to fit your needs. Contact them with the info above to schedule a pick up of an approved sharps container and get another once you dispose of it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red Ribbon Run And Festival (Sponsored by Behavioral Health)

Time: 8:00AM- 12:00PM

Date: October 22, 2022

Location: Veterans Memorial Buldg Hollister

DEA Take back Day (Sponsored by HPD)

Date: October 29, 2022

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: 1790 Airline Hwy Parking lot (near Target)

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