

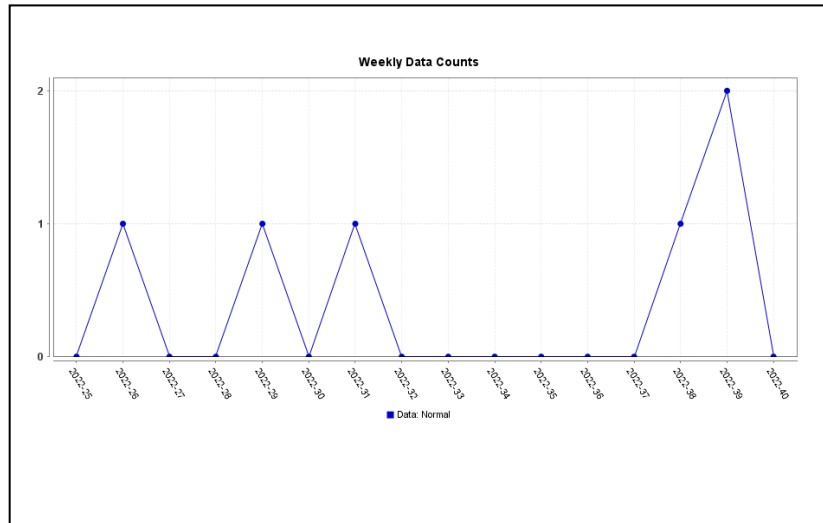


## SUSPECTED OPIOID ACTIVITY ALERT

10/3/2022

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is issuing a public health alert due to an increase in suspected opioid drug overdose activity in Walworth County.

From 09/25/2022 to 10/1/2022, DHS identified 3 report(s) of suspected opioid drug overdoses seen at hospital emergency departments. This is higher than expected.



Increased opioid drug overdose activity in this area is defined as a greater number of opioid drug overdoses than would otherwise be expected within a seven-day period based on your county’s or region’s most recent opioid overdose activity.

Above is a snapshot of what the data is telling us. Because each county is different, we look to you to determine whether action is needed at the local level. Below are some suggested action steps to help raise awareness.

### Suggested Action Steps

- **Local health departments and tribal health centers, healthcare emergency readiness coalitions, regional health officers:** Please forward to hospitals, clinics, emergency departments, urgent care centers, convenience clinics, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and the local coroner or medical examiner office.
- **Hospitals and clinics:** Please distribute to health care providers in these facilities that might treat patients with symptoms of drug overdoses.
- **Providers:** Please refer to [provider resources and trainings](#).

### Resources:

Learn more about resources to share with your community members on overdose, getting and administering naloxone, treatment availability, addiction medicine consultation and recovery helplines, Project ECHO, and more at the [DHS opioids pages](#).

[Read our list of frequently asked questions to learn more about these opioid alerts.](#)