Drug Checking Technologies Program Application

The Division of Care and Treatment Services is providing drug checking technologies to organizations to prevent drug overdose deaths and health complications among people who use substances. **Complete this online form by 11:59 p.m. May 2, 2025, to apply for supplies.**

The following supplies are available through this opportunity:

- Fentanyl test strips (only packages of strips)
- Fentanyl test strip kits (a plastic zip bag with a test strip, mixing cup, sterile water, and 10 mg scoop)
- Xylazine test strips (only packages of strips)
- Xylazine test strip kits (a plastic zip bag with a test strip, mixing cup, sterile water, and 10 mg scoop)

Overview
The purpose of this one-time opportunity is to request applications from organizations interested in obtaining free drug checking technologies for community distribution. Successful applicants will receive one shipment of all awarded supplies. Request what is needed for the community for a period of one year.

> **Fentanyl**, a synthetic opioid that can be 100 times stronger than morphine, and other substances added to the drug supply have led to rising overdose rates among users of almost all illicit drugs. In 2023, synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl, were identified in 92% of opioid overdose deaths in Wisconsin. The number of fentanyl-related overdose deaths in Wisconsin grew by over 100% from 2019 (651) to 2023 (1,307). Based on a research article published in the International Journal of Drug Policy, reports of fentanyl overdose among people who use substances other than opioids, such as cocaine, counterfeit Xanax, and counterfeit hydrocodone have significantly increased since 2016. The increase in fentanyl in the illicit drug supply puts people who use non-opioid substances at a higher risk for overdose as they do not have a tolerance for opioids. In a 2018 bulletin, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration noted a 112% increase in the number of cocaine samples in Pennsylvania that also contained fentanyl. Distributing fentanyl test strips for the purpose of checking non-opioids, including cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy, and non-prescription pressed pills, for the presence of fentanyl should be prioritized.

Xylazine is a non-opioid veterinary tranquilizer that has not been approved for human use. It was first detected in illicit drug samples in 2006 in Philadelphia but has been found mixed with fentanyl throughout the United States in the recent years. Xylazine is a central nervous system depressant that can cause severe skin lesions, cardiovascular effects, and death. It is typically added to opioids to extend the strength and duration of their effects. Toxicology reports demonstrate xylazine's presence in parts of Wisconsin, specifically in the southeast and northeast regions. Xylazine was detected in at least one post-mortem toxicology report in 2023 in Brown, Dane, Fond du Lac, Grant, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood counties. Distribution of xylazine test strips should focus on people who use fentanyl or other opioids.

Fentanyl test strips and xylazine test strips are legal to possess, distribute, and use in Wisconsin. See Wis. Stat. § 961.571(1)(b).

Eligible applicants

Organizations that meet all of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the Drug Checking Technologies Program.

- Applicant is a current and compliant participant in the Naloxone Direct Program. Compliant participants in the Naloxone Direct Program are agencies that have submitted all monthly Naloxone Direct Program reports.
- Applicant has a designated person to track and report program-related data, including data on the distribution of the supplies received through this program.
- Applicant agrees the supplies received through this program will be distributed to people at risk for a drug overdose or other drug-involved health complication or their family and friends in the community.

Program timeline

- **May 2, 2025:** Applications due
- **May 23, 2025 (estimated):** Applicants accepted into the program will be notified by the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery. This notification will include the amount of supplies awarded to the accepted applicant, and instructions on how to report information regarding training and distribution efforts.
- **June through July 2025 (estimated):** All approved supplies will be ordered and mailed at one time to all accepted applicants.
- **June 2025 through June 2026:** Accepted applicants submit monthly outcome reports

Program requirements

All agencies participating in the Drug Checking Technologies Program must:

- Have at least one staff member attend a state-sponsored virtual course on how to use and train others on how to use fentanyl test strips and xylazine test strips. This course also includes information on the current substance supply and overdose epidemic. Information on what is meant by drug checking versus drug testing is also shared. The dates and times for this course are posted on the DHS website. People who attend the training will receive materials to use to train others.
- Distribute supplies received through this program directly or through partner agencies at no cost to people using substance or their support networks.
- Establish a tracking system for the data reporting requirements.
- Complete monthly data reports.
- Notify the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery of any changes in the agency contact and/or the data and reporting contact within two weeks of the change.

Data reporting requirements

All agencies participating in the Drug Checking Technologies Program must collect the following data and report it monthly through the REDCap system through June 2026:

- Number of people served (given test strips and/or test strip kits)
- Number of fentanyl test strips distributed
- Number of fentanyl test strip kits distributed
- Number of xylazine test strips distributed
- Number of xylazine test strip kits distributed
- Names of partner agencies that received supplies for distribution in the past month

Questions

If you have any questions about this program or application, please contact DHSDCTSBPTRFundingOpportunities@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

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See all questions in this application form (PDF)

It may take up to 15 minutes to complete this application. Select the "Save and Continue Later" option at the top of the screen on pages 2 to 5 to save your work and get instructions on how to come back later to complete the application.

Applicant information

Select the options that apply to your application. All options must be selected for your application to be eligible for this program. *

☐ We are participating in the 2024-2025 DHS Naloxone Direct Program, and we are compliant with all Naloxone Direct Program requirements, including monthly reporting requirements.

☐ We have a designated point of contact who is responsible for attending the Drug Checking Technologies Program train-the-trainer course.

☐ We have a designated person to track and report program-related data.

☐ We agree supplies obtained through this program will be distributed in the community to people at risk of a drug overdose or their family/friends and not used for any other purpose.

Name of agency *

First and last name of the primary contact for the agency *
This person may or may not be the same person completing this form.

Phone number for the primary contact for the agency
*
Enter numbers only, no dashes

Email address for the primary contact for the agency *

Shipping address for the agency
 (No PO boxes allowed)

Street address *

Suite/office

City *   State *   ZIP code *

Service Area, supply request, and program design

You may request a single product or a combination of products. Options include:

- Fentanyl test strips – provided in cases of 100 test strips
- Fentanyl test strip kits – each kit is a small plastic zip bag with one fentanyl test strip, one mixing cup, sterile water, one 10mg scoop, and a card with a QR code to instructions on how to use fentanyl test strips
- Xylazine test strips – provided in cases of 100 test strips
- Xylazine test strip kits – each kit is a small plastic zip bag with one fentanyl test strip, one mixing cup, sterile water, one 10mg scoop, and a card with a QR code to instructions on how to use fentanyl test strips

Name of the Tribal nation or county where the supplies will be shipped. *

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Forest County Potawatomi Community
Ho-Chunk Nation
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
Oneida Nation
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Sokaogon Chippewa Community
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
Adams County
Ashland County
Barron County
Bayfield County
Brown County
Buffalo County
Burnett County
Calumet County
Chippewa County
Clark County
Columbia County
Crawford County
Dane County
Dodge County
Door County
Douglas County
Dunn County
Eau Claire County
Florence County
Fond du Lac County
Forest County
Grant County
Green County
Green Lake County
Iowa County
Iron County
Jackson County
Jefferson County
Juneau County
Kenosha County
Kewaunee County
La Crosse County
Lafayette County
Langlade County
Lincoln County
Manitowoc County
Marathon County
Marinette County
Marquette County
Menominee County
Milwaukee County
Monroe County
Oconto County
Oneida County
Outagamie County
Ozaukee County
Pepin County
Pierce County
Polk County
Portage County

Price County
Racine County
Richland County
Rock County
Rusk County
St. Croix County
Sauk County
Sawyer County
Shawano County
Sheboygan County
Taylor County
Trempealeau County
Vernon County
Vilas County
Walworth County
Washburn County
Washington County
Waukesha County
Waupaca County
Waushara County
Winnebago County
Wood County

How many cases of fentanyl test strips do you plan to distribute through May 2026? *

Each case includes 100 fentanyl test strips. Final awards will be based on available funding and reasonableness of request for the applicant's service area. Enter "0" if no fentanyl test strips are wanted.

How many fentanyl test strip kits do you plan to distribute through May 2026? *

Each fentanyl test strip kit is a plastic zip bag that contains one fentanyl test strip, a mixing tin, sterile water, a 10mg scoop, and a card with a QR code to online instructions on how to use fentanyl test strips. Final awards will be based on available funding and reasonableness of request for the applicant's service area. Enter "0" if no fentanyl test strip kits are wanted.

How many cases of xylazine test strips do you plan to distribute through May 2026? *

Each case includes 100 xylazine test strips. Final awards will be based on available funding and reasonableness of request for the applicant's service area. Enter "0" if no xylazine test strips are wanted.

How many xylazine test strip kits do you plan to distribute through May 2026? *

Each xylazine test strip kit is a plastic zip bag that contains one xylazine test strip, a mixing tin, sterile water, a 10mg scoop, and a card with a QR code to online instructions on how to use xylazine test strips. Final awards will be based on available funding and reasonableness of request for the applicant's service area. Enter "0" if no xylazine test strip kits are wanted.

Describe where in Wisconsin the fentanyl test strips and/or xylazine test strips will be distributed. *

Examples: Smith County, the 90210 ZIP code, Jones neighborhood in Johnsonville

How do you plan to distribute the fentanyl test strip and/or xylazine test strips received through this program? *
Include details on when, where, how, and to whom the items will be distributed

Describe agencies, if any, that will receive a portion of the fentanyl test strip and/or xylazine test strip supply requested in this application to distribute to the people they serve or support. Type n/a if this question does not apply to this application. *
Examples: George's Stop: gas station; Jackson High School: school; Jonestown Fire Department: EMS agency

Reporting contacts

The Drug Checking Technologies Program requires an individual contact point for completing required monthly reporting. This contact may be the same as the person completing this application or different.

First and last name of the primary contact for reporting *

Email address for the primary contact for reporting *

Phone number for the primary contact for reporting *
Enter numbers only, no dashes

Terms and conditions

Agencies participating in the Drug Checking Technologies Program must follow certain terms and conditions.

Review the information below and check the boxes to affirm the statements listed. All links open in new windows. *

☐ I read and agree to the program requirements of the Drug Checking Technologies Program as outlined within this application and the DHS Terms and Conditions (PDF).

☐ I read and agree to the State Standard Terms and Conditions, DOA-3054A (PDF).

☐ I read and agree to Appendix II to Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Confirmation statement *

☐ I confirm the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature *

Clear

Sign name using mouse or touch pad

Signature of [   ]

Email address for the person who completed this form *

[   ]

Application Submitted

Your application has been submitted. Thank you.

You will receive an email with a copy of your application.

You may be interested in the following:

Dose of Reality: Safer Use
This webpage features harm reduction information for the public.

Dose of Reality: Partner Resources
This webpage features tools to promote real talks about opioids, naloxone use, and more.

Real Talks Wisconsin
Real Talks Wisconsin encourages folks to have conversations to prevent and reduce substance use.

2025 Opioids, Stimulants, and Trauma Summit
This event will be held May 6-8 in the Wisconsin Dells and online.

2025 Harm Reduction Conference
This event will be held July 16-17 in the Wisconsin Dells and online.

2025 Substance Use Prevention Conference
This event will be held September 10-11 in the Wisconsin Dells and online.