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Fentanyl Town Hall on July 11th in Eastern Idaho
Come Learn About the Illicit Fentanyl Crisis

Eastern Idaho - The safety and wellbeing of our community is always of utmost importance, which is why Eastern Idaho Public Health along with the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board is hosting a Fentanyl Town Hall event in Eastern Idaho.

We are doing our part to raise public awareness about an urgent problem: Illicitly manufactured fentanyl (IMF), a potent synthetic opioid is claiming lives of Americans at alarming rates. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has reported that six out of every ten DEA tested pills with fentanyl contain at least 2mg of fentanyl, the potential lethal dose.¹

When it comes to the fentanyl crisis, it is important to know the facts:

1. Illicit fentanyl is being used to make fake prescription pills and is also found in common street drugs like cocaine, MDMA and heroin.² Never trust your own eyes to determine if a pill purchased illegally is legitimate.
2. Often consumed unknowingly by people who use drugs, illicit fentanyl is driving the recent increase in U.S. overdose deaths.²
3. Fake pills have been found in all 50 states. Assume any prescription pill you see online is fake, including Oxy, Percocet, Adderall and Xanax.²
4. Fentanyl is involved in more American youth deaths than heroin, meth, cocaine, benzos, and RX drugs COMBINED.²
5. Fentanyl is involved in more deaths of Americans under 50 than any other cause of death, including heart disease, cancer, homicide, suicide, and other accidents.²

Please join Eastern Idaho Public Health and the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board for a:

Fentanyl Town Hall
Tuesday, July 11th
Downtown Event Center, 480 Park Avenue, Idaho Falls
5:30 pm – Resource Fair; 6:30 pm – Panel Discussion

For questions, please contact Mallory Johnson at mjohnson@eiph.idaho.gov

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¹ United States Drug Enforcement Administration. One Pill Can Kill | DEA.gov. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>

² National Fentanyl Awareness Day: May 9th. FentanylAwarenessDay. (n.d.). <https://www.fentanylawarenessday.org/>