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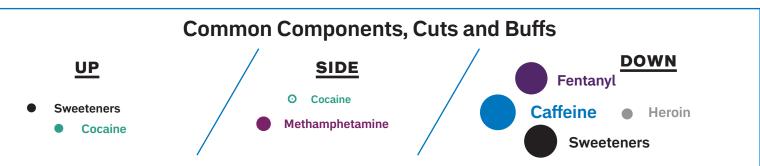
# **Drug Checking in Fraser Health**

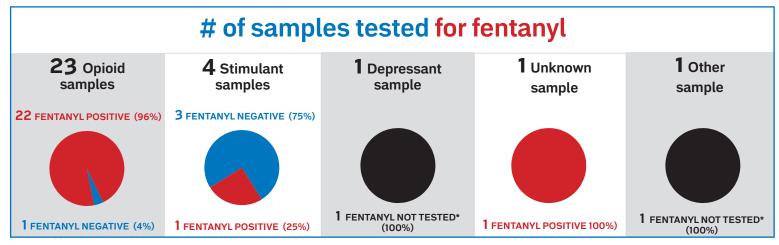
#### # of Samples Tested by Expected Drug Category:

30 Samples Tested

Opioid: 23 / Stimulant: 4 / Depressant: 1 / Psychedelic: 0 / Unknown: 1 / Other: 1 / Polysubstance: 0









For information about current substances in the area contact: overdose@fraserhealth.ca.

During the month of September 9.1%, of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in the Fraser Health region (2 samples of 22 tested)

This report summarizes key indicators for Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR)/fentanyl test strip combination drug checking done in Fraser Health in September 2020.

As there is 5% fentanyl detection limit on the Bruker ALPHA Fourier-Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectrometer (McCrae, 2019), a drug check on any given sample consists of both the FTIR and fentanyl test strip testing done in combination. When applicable, benzodiazepine or lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) test strips are also used.

Benzodiazepine-positivity of opioid samples are determined using benzodiazepine test strips, which have not been formally evaluated for drug checking. Therefore, the results presented above are presumptive and tentative until confirmed by a labratory.

Please note that these data are not finalized and are subject to change.

\* "Fentanyl not tested" means that a fentanyl test stip wasn't done for the sample because the client declined to do the test, or they left before the test was able to be completed.





# **Drug Checking in Fraser Health**

## # of drugs checks and hours at each respective site:

Location	# of Drug Checks	Hours
SafePoint (Surrey)	30	Safepoint is currently offering drug checking as a drop off
Total	30	service. Samples can be dropped off at Safepoint during operating hours.
		For details visit drugcheckingbc.ca/safepoint

### # of samples that matched client expectation

\*using FTIR/test strip drug checking

EXPECTED DRUG: Stimulant

4 Samples Tested

EXPECTED DRUG:

**Depressant** 

1 Sample Tested

**EXPECTED DRUG:** 

Other

1 Sample Tested



Matched: 4

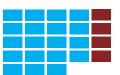
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Match not determined: 1

**EXPECTED DRUG:** 

Opioid

23 Samples Tested



Matched: 19
Did not match: 4

**EXPECTED DRUG:** 

Unknown

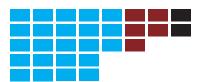
1 Sample Tested



Match not determined: 1

#### **Total**

30 Samples Tested



Matched: 23
Did not Match: 5

Match not determined: 2

# **Drug Checking in Fraser Health**

#### # of opioid samples that matched client expectation

\*using FTIR/test strip drug checking

**EXPECTED DRUG:** 

Fentanyl and Heroin

5 Samples Tested



Matched: 2 Did not match: 3 EXPECTED DRUG:

Heroin

1 Sample Tested



Matched: 1

**EXPECTED DRUG:** 

Down

2 Samples Tested



Matched: 2

EXPECTED DRUG:

**Fentanyl** 

15 Samples Tested



Matched: 14

Did not match: 1

**Total** 

23 Samples Tested



Matched: 19 Did not match: 4

Please note that the presence of the expected substance does not imply purity, as samples frequently contain adulterating cutting agents \*'Down' can refer to any opioid drug present in any amount

Depressant may include: benzodiazepines, GHB, zopiclone Opioid may include: "down," heroin, fentanyl,

fentanyl analogues, pharmaceutical opioids **Polysubstance includes:** cross-category mixtures

Psychedelic may include: 2C-family, tryptamines, ketamine, MDMA, LSD, cannabis Stimulant may include: "speed", crystal meth, cocaine, cathinones Unknown includes: all samples in which the client could not identify the expected substance

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