

Fentanyl-positive non-opioids from drug checking in British Columbia: November 2021

Date	Location [City]	Expected Drug [Category]	Appearance	FTIR Results	Strip Results		Notes	Confirmatory Results
					Fentanyl	Benzo		
Nov 30 2021	Vernon MHSU [Vernon]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	White crystal	Methamphetamine	Positive	Negative		Not available at this location
Nov 26 2021	Insite [Vancouver]	Lorazepam [Depressant]	White tablet	Lactose, Microcrystalline cellulose, Lorazepam	Positive	Positive	See note #2 below	Not saved for confirmatory testing
Nov 25 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Flualprazolam [Depressant]	Light brown powder	Caffeine, Flualprazolam	Positive	Positive		Not saved for confirmatory testing
Nov 25 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Flualprazolam [Depressant]	Light brown powder	Flualprazolam	Positive	Positive		Not saved for confirmatory testing
Nov 23 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Cocaine [Stimulant]	White chunk	No library match	Positive	N/A		Awaiting results
Nov 10 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam (Xanax) [Depressant]	White tablet	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain oil	Positive	Negative		Not saved for confirmatory testing
Nov 5 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	Brown crystal	Methamphetamine, Uncertain match	Positive	N/A		Not saved for confirmatory testing
Nov 3 2021	Compass House [Penticton]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	White powder	Methamphetamine, Uncertain match	Positive	Positive		Not available at this location
Nov 2 2021	ASK Wellness [Kamloops]	Alprazolam (Xanax) [Depressant]	White chunk	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain oil	Positive	Positive		Not available at this location

Notes

- 1) Samples of methamphetamine or crack cocaine are known to return positive fentanyl test strip results if someone has recently touched fentanyl (i.e., cross-contamination). This is also common if baggies are reused or used to store multiple drugs.
- 2) With pills that test positive for fentanyl, it is not possible to tell if the fentanyl is inside the pill or contaminating the exterior with a test strip result alone.
- 3) Drug checking results are available on drugcheckingbc.ca. Questions? Email drugchecking@bccsu.ubc.ca.