

# DRUG CHECKING ALERT ARCHIVE

## NOVEMBER 2021

| Date & Location   | Expected Drug           | Spectroscopy Results                             | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?  |
|---|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| October 14, 2021<br>ASK Wellness<br>Kamloops                  | Methamphetamine         | Methamphetamine,<br>Caffeine                     | Positive       | N/A         | Kamloops       | The unexpected presence of fentanyl poses significant risk of opioid toxicity, especially for opioid-naïve individuals.           |
| November 2, 2021<br>ASK Wellness<br>Kamloops                  | Ketamine                | Methamphetamine                                  | Negative       | N/A         | Kamloops       | Methamphetamine is a powerful stimulant with different effects than ketamine.   |
| November 2, 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver        | Cocaine                 | Flubromazepam                                    | Negative       | Positive    | Vancouver      | Flubromazepam is a new benzodiazepine with limited information on its toxicity and effects.                                       |
| November 3, 2021<br>Cammy LaFleur<br>Vernon                   | <i>Down or fentanyl</i> | Caffeine, Fentanyl                               | Positive       | Positive    | Vernon         | Combining depressants such as opioids and benzodiazepines greatly increases your risk of overdose.                                |
| November 16, 2021<br>Overdose Prevention Society<br>Vancouver | <i>Down or fentanyl</i> | Caffeine, Erythritol,<br>Fentanyl, Flualprazolam | Positive       | Positive    | Vancouver      | Flualprazolam is a potent benzodiazepine that can cause blackouts and when combined with opioids, increases the risk of overdose. |
| November 23, 2021<br>Overdose Prevention Society<br>Vancouver | <i>Down or fentanyl</i> | Caffeine, Erythritol,<br>Fentanyl                | Positive       | Positive    | Vancouver      | Combining depressants such as opioids and benzodiazepines greatly increases your risk of overdose.                                |
| November 25, 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver       | Ketamine                | Xylazine   | Negative       | Negative    | Vancouver      | Xylazine is an animal tranquilizer with sedative effects and is linked to soft tissue injury.                                     |

During the month of October, **34%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in our partner sites around BC (**190 samples of 551 checked**). Opioid samples are checked for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips and the FTIR spectrometer. The results presented here are derived from both of these technologies and are presumptive until confirmed by a laboratory.

## OCTOBER 2021

| Date & Location  | Expected Drug   | Spectroscopy Results         | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?  |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| October 14, 2021<br>ASK Wellness<br>Kamloops                 | Methamphetamine | Methamphetamine,<br>Caffeine | Positive       | N/A         | Kamloops       | The unexpected presence of fentanyl poses significant risk of opioid toxicity, especially for opioid-naive individuals. |
| October 20, 2021<br>Overdose Prevention Society<br>Vancouver | Fentanyl        | Metonitazene                 | Positive       | Negative    | Unknown        | Metonitazene is a new opioid with limited information on its toxicity and effects.                                      |
| October 28, 2021<br>Vernon MHSU<br>Vernon                    | Fentanyl        | Caffeine, Fentanyl           | Positive       | Positive    | Vernon         | Benzodiazepines combined with opioids can cause prolonged sedation and increases the risk of overdose.                  |

During the month of October, **30.4%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in our partner sites around BC (**140 samples of 460 checked**). Opioid samples are checked for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips and the FTIR spectrometer. The results presented here are derived from both of these technologies and are presumptive until confirmed by a laboratory.

## SEPTEMBER 2021

| Date & Location                          | Expected Drug         | Spectroscopy Results  | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?   |
|--|-----------------------|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| September 23, 2021<br>Kamloops & Merritt | Down (unknown opioid) | Caffeine, Xylitol,<br>Fentanyl, Possible<br>synthetic cannabinoid | Positive       | Negative    | Merritt        | Although this sample was not confirmed by laboratory testing, synthetic cannabinoids are known to cause hallucinations and disorientation if ingested accidentally.                      |
| September 13, 2021<br>Kamloops           | Down (unknown opioid) | Cocaine base, Phenacetin  | Positive       | Positive    | Kamloops       | Combining depressants increases the risk of overdose, and stimulants don't decrease that risk. Phenacetin and cocaine base don't dissolve well in water which could lead to vein damage. |

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| September 13, 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver      | Alprazolam<br>(XANAX) | Microcrystalline cellulose         | Positive | Negative | Vancouver | Fentanyl can cause opioid toxicity especially for opioid-naïve individuals. Combining depressants also increases the risk of overdose. |
| September 13, 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver      | Flualprazolam         | Flualprazolam, Uncertain match     | Positive | Positive | Unknown   | Fentanyl can cause opioid toxicity especially for opioid-naïve individuals. Combining depressants also increases the risk of overdose. |
| September 7, 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver       | MDMA                  | Dimethyl sulfone, N-Ethylpentylone | Negative | Negative | Vancouver | This synthetic cathinone is associated with health harms including overdose.   |
| September 3, 2021<br>Overdose Prevention Society<br>Vancouver | Down (unknown opioid) | Caffeine, Erythritol, Fentanyl     | Positive | Positive | Vancouver | Benzodiazepines combined with opioids can cause prolonged sedation and increases the risk of overdose.                                 |

During the month of September, **25.5%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in our partner sites around BC (**90 samples of 353 checked**). Opioid samples are checked for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips and the FTIR spectrometer. The results presented here are derived from both of these technologies and are presumptive until confirmed by a laboratory.

## AUGUST 2021

| Date & Location                                       | Expected Drug         | Spectroscopy Results                               | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?  |
|---|-----------------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| August 30, 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver | 2C-B                  | Dimethyl Sulfone, 3-MeO-PCP, MDMA, Uncertain match | Positive       | Negative    | Vancouver      | 3-MeO-PCP can cause psychosis in high doses and fentanyl can cause opioid toxicity especially for opioid-naïve individuals. |
| August 24, 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver | Down (Unknown Opioid) | Flualprazolam, Fentanyl                            | Positive       | Positive    | Vancouver      | Flualprazolam is a potent benzodiazepine that may cause drowsiness, especially when consumed unintentionally.               |
| August 11, 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver | Cocaine               | Etizolam   | Negative       | Positive    | Vancouver      | Etizolam is a benzodiazepine derivative that may cause drowsiness, especially when consumed unintentionally.                |

During the month of August, **25.2%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in our partner sites around BC (**132 samples of 524 checked**). Opioid samples are checked for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips and the FTIR spectrometer. The results presented here are derived from both of these technologies and are presumptive until confirmed by a laboratory.

## JULY 2021

| Date & Location  | Expected Drug      | Spectroscopy Results                         | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?   |
|--|--------------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| July 30 2021<br>Living Positive Resource Centre<br>Kelowna | Cocaine            | Cocaine, Phenacetin                          | Positive       | N/A         | Kelowna        | There is a risk of opioid toxicity when stimulants are contaminated with fentanyl.   |
| July 23 2021<br>Insite<br>Vancouver                        | Xanax (Alprazolam) | Microcrystalline cellulose                   | Positive       | Positive    | Vancouver      | Counterfeit Xanax may contain a variety of different drugs other than the expected alprazolam. Drug checking Xanax can help you avoid ingesting unexpected adulterants.  |
| July 21 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver         | Cocaine            | Flubromazepam                                | Negative       | Positive    | Vancouver      | Benzodiazepines can cause intense drowsiness. Many drugs are white powders, so always get your drugs checked to confirm what you think you have.   |
| July 21 2021<br>ASK Wellness<br>Kamloops                   | Methamphetamine    | Caffeine, Xylitol, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl | Positive       | Positive    | Kamloops       | The risk of overdose is increased when combining depressants (i.e., benzodiazepines with opioids) especially for people who don't regularly use opioids. Always be suspicious of methamphetamine if it's not a colourless, clear crystal—but still get it checked! |
| July 19 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested<br>Vancouver         | MDMA               | Xylazine                                     | Negative       | N/A         | Unknown        | Checking your drugs before you use them can remove your risk of exposure to harmful adulterants. Not much is known about the effect of xylazine in humans since it is only used in veterinary medicine.  |

During the month of July, **24.3%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in our partner sites around BC (**105 samples of 433 checked**). Opioid samples are checked for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips and the FTIR spectrometer. The results presented here are derived from both of these technologies and are presumptive until confirmed by a laboratory.

## JUNE 2021

| Date & Location                          | Expected Drug                | Spectroscopy Results                      | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?  |
|--|------------------------------|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| 29 June 2021<br>ASK Wellness<br>Kamloops | Fentanyl                     | Fentanyl,<br>Flubromazepam,<br>Erythritol | Positive       | Positive    | Kamloops       | Flubromazepam is a benzodiazepine. Using even small amounts may increase the risk of overdose. Avoid combining depressants if possible.     |
| 4 June 2021<br>ASK Wellness<br>Kamloops  | <i>Down</i> (Unknown Opioid) | Fentanyl, Erythritol                      | Positive       | Positive    | Kamloops       | The combination of opioids and benzodiazepines can cause prolonged sedation. Using even small amounts may cause overdose. Use with caution. |

During the month of June, **16.9%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in our partner sites around BC (**87 samples of 516 checked**). Opioid samples are checked for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips and the FTIR spectrometer. The results presented here are derived from both of these technologies and are presumptive until confirmed by a laboratory.

## MAY 2021

| Date & Location                                    | Expected Drug | Spectroscopy Results  | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased    | What does this mean?   |
|--|---------------|---|----------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| 21 May 2021<br>ASK Wellness<br>Merritt             | MDMA/Ecstasy  | MDA, Caffeine,<br>Lactose,<br>Microcrystalline<br>cellulose | Positive       | N/A         | Lower<br>Mainland | For people without an opioid tolerance, small amounts of fentanyl can lead to opioid toxicity.   |
| 19 May 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested,<br>Vancouver | Cocaine       | Cocaine, Caffeine   | Positive       | N/A         | Unknown           | A good harm reduction tip is to be cautious when white-coloured drugs have coloured flecks. In this case, the purple flecks were caffeine and fentanyl, typical ingredients in <i>down</i> . |
| 4 May 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested,<br>Vancouver  | Down/Fentanyl | Caffeine, Fentanyl,<br>Xylazine                             | Positive       | Positive    | Unknown           | Xylazine is a veterinary tranquilizer that may complicate overdoses and is linked to skin lesions and ulcers after injecting. A sample containing three                                      |

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|  |  |  |  |  |  | different depressants poses a high risk for overdose. |
| <p>During the month of May, 23.8% of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using test strips in our partner sites around BC (<b>134 samples of 563 tested</b>). Opioid samples are tested for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips. The results presented above are presumptive and tentative until confirmed by a laboratory.</p> |  |  |  |  |  |   |

| <b><u>APRIL 2021</u></b>                                 |                      |                              |                       |                    |                       |  |
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| <b>Date &amp; Location</b>                               | <b>Expected Drug</b> | <b>Spectroscopy Results</b>  | <b>Fentanyl Strip</b> | <b>Benzo Strip</b> | <b>Area Purchased</b> | <b>What does this mean?</b>  |
| 24 April 2021<br>UBCO Harm Reduction (HaRT)<br>Penticton | Crack cocaine        | Cocaine base, Phenacetin     | Positive              | N/A                | Penticton             | Unexpected fentanyl presence can lead to overdose, even when smoking.  |
| 18 April 2021<br>UBCO Harm Reduction (HaRT)<br>Penticton | Crack cocaine        | Mannitol, Fentanyl           | Positive              | Negative           | Penticton             | Drugs may contain any of the drug they are sold as. Drug checking can help confirm you have what you think!  |
| 12 April 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested,<br>Vancouver     | Down/Fentanyl        | Fentanyl, Etizolam, Xylazine | Positive              | Positive           | Unknown               | Xylazine is a veterinary tranquilizer that may complicate overdoses and is linked to skin lesions and ulcers after injecting. Ingesting multiple depressants increases the risk of overdose. |
| 8 April 2021<br>Get Your Drugs Tested,<br>Vancouver      | Crack cocaine        | Fentanyl                     | Positive              | N/A                | Unknown               | This substance was found and based on appearance was thought to be crack. Only after drug checking was it found to contain fentanyl with no cuts or buffs. Many drugs look                   |

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During the month of April, 24.7% of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using test strips in our partner sites around BC (**142 samples of 574 tested**). Opioid samples are tested for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips. The results presented above are presumptive and tentative until confirmed by a laboratory.

## MARCH 2021

| Date & Location                                       | Expected Drug   | Drugs Detected               | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?   |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| 31 March 2021-<br>Burdock House,<br>Penticton         | Methamphetamine | Methamphetamine,<br>fentanyl | Positive       | N/A         | Penticton      | Unexpected fentanyl presence can lead to overdose, even when smoking.  |
| 10 March 2021-<br>Get Your Drugs Tested,<br>Vancouver | Ketamine        | Ketamine, etizolam           | Negative       | Positive    | Unknown        | Etizolam is a benzodiazepine that can cause extreme sedation and blackouts, especially when consumed unexpectedly in high amounts. Check your drugs before consuming them. |

During the month of March, **25.8%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using test strips in our partner sites around BC (**103 samples of 438 tested**). Opioid samples are tested for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips. The results presented above are presumptive and tentative until confirmed by a laboratory.

## FEBRUARY 2021

| Date & Location                                 | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected   | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?   |
|---|---------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| 17 February 2021- ASK Wellness, Kamloops        | Percocet      | Acetaminophen and fentanyl                               | Positive       | N/A         | Kamloops       | Unknown consumption of fentanyl poses a high risk for opioid overdose! Check your drugs at any local SCS/OPS!  |
| 6 February 2021- IHA.UBCO, Kelowna/West Kelowna | Fentanyl      | Contains benzodiazepines and fentanyl                    | Positive       | Positive    | Kelowna        | Check your drugs for benzodiazepines at any local SCS/OPS.   |
| 5 February 2021- ANKORS, Cranbrook              | Down          | Contains benzodiazepines and high fentanyl concentration | Positive       | Positive    | Cranbrook      | High risk of prolonged sedation and overdose-Check your drugs for benzodiazepines at any local SCS/OPS.  |
| 5 February 2021- ANKORS, Cranbrook              | Down          | High fentanyl concentration and benzodiazepines          | Positive       | Positive    | Cranbrook      | May not respond to naloxone- continue to give breaths and seek medical attention.  |
| 5 February 2021- ASK Wellness, Kamloops         | Cocaine       | Methamphetamine, cocaine, levamisole                     | N/A            | N/A         | Kamloops       | Stimulant overdose/over-amping; Levamisole can cause fever, skin colour changes (purplish), and other severe brain disorders. Risks increase with regular use (2 or more days/week). |
| 4 February 2021- IHA/UBCO, Kelowna/West Kelowna | Fentanyl      | Benzodiazepines and fentanyl                             | Positive       | Positive    | Kelowna        | High risk of overdose with prolonged sedation- may not respond to naloxone. Check your drugs   |
| 3 February 2021- ANKORS, Castlegar              | Down          | High concentrations of fentanyl and benzodiazepines      | Positive       | Positive    | Castlegar      | High risk of overdose with prolonged sedation- may not respond to naloxone. Check your drugs!  |
| 2 February 2021- Penticton                      | Fentanyl      | Fentanyl and Benzodiazepines                             | Positive       | Positive    | Penticton      | Check your drugs for benzos at any local SCS and OPS!  |

During the month of February, **22.9%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using test strips in our partner sites around BC (**77 samples of 336 tested**). Opioid samples are tested for benzodiazepine-positivity using BTNX test strips. The results presented above are presumptive and tentative until confirmed by a laboratory.



## JANUARY 2021

| Date & Location                                   | Expected Drug  | Drugs Detected   | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?   |
|---|--|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| 28 January 2021- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver | Hydromorphone  | Microcrystalline cellulose, hydromorphone, uncertain match | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           | Counterfeit hydromorphone pill containing very high levels of fentanyl and hydromorphone- Check your drugs!  |
| 13 January 2021, Vancouver                        | <b>Multiple suspected fentanyl overdoses reported in DTES- Don't use alone and check your drugs!</b> |  |                |             |                |  |
| 13 January 2021- ASK Wellness, Kamloops           | Down   | Caffeine, mannitol, fentanyl, benzos                       | Positive       | Positive    | Kamloops       | High risk of overdose with prolonged sedation. Check your drugs!   |
| 12 January 2021- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver | Fentanyl   | Caffeine, mannitol, fentanyl or analogue                   | Positive       | N/A         | DTES           | Check your drugs for unexpected substances at any OPS!   |
| 11 January 2021- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver | Fentanyl   | Caffeine, W-19   | Negative       | Negative    | Unknown        | Check your drugs at any OPS and SCS for any unknown or unexpected substances!  |
| 11 January 2021- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver | Fentanyl   | W-19   | Negative       | Negative    | Unknown        | Effects of W-19 are unknown. Check your drugs at any OPS and SCS!  |
| 8 January 2020- ASK Wellness, Kamloops            | Down   | Fentanyl, AMB-FUBINACA and may contain benzos              | Positive       | Positive    | Kamloops       | High risk of overdose with prolonged sedation with other side effects like hallucinations or agitation. May not respond to naloxone- Check your drugs! |

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| 8 January 2020- ASK Wellness, Kamloops   | Down     | Fentanyl and benzos                                | Positive | Positive | Kamloops  | High risk of overdose and prolonged sedation that may not respond to naloxone. Check your drugs!   |
| 8 January 2020- ASK Wellness, Kamloops   | Down     | Benzos, fentanyl and may also contain AMB-FUBINACA | Positive | Positive | Kamloops  | High risk of overdose and prolonged sedation that may not respond to naloxone. Continue to give breaths and seek medical attention.  |
| 8 January 2020- ASK Wellness, Kamloops   | Down     | Etizolam, fentanyl and AMB-FUBINACA                | Positive | Positive | Kamloops  | High risk of overdose and AMB-FUBINACA (synthetic cannabinoid) may cause side effects such as hallucination, or agitation. May present as an atypical overdose. Use at an OPS! |
| 8 January 2020- Vernon OPS, Vernon   | Fentanyl | Caffeine, etizolam, and fentanyl                   | Positive | Positive | Vernon    | High risk of overdose with prolonged sedation-Use at an OPS!   |
| 8 January 2020- Vernon OPS, Vernon   | Fentanyl | Caffeine, mannitol, fentanyl and AMB-FUBINACA      | Positive | Positive | Vernon    | AMB-FUBINACA is a synthetic cannabinoid that may cause hallucination, or agitation. Check your drugs!  |
| 7 January 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver   | Fentanyl | Caffeine, fentanyl or analogue, uncertain match    | Positive | Positive | DTES      | Check for benzos in your drugs at any SCS or OPS!  |
| 7 January 2020- Overdose Prevention Society OPS, Vancouver   | Fentanyl | Etizolam   | Negative | Positive | DTES      | Benzos may cause prolonged drowsiness and decreased level of consciousness. Use at an OPS!   |
| 5 January 2020- Interior Health, Penticton   | Fentanyl | Fentanyl and benzodiazepines                       | Positive | Positive | Penticton | High risk of overdose with prolonged sedation!   |
| During the month of January <b>20.2%</b> of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using benzo test strips in our partner sites around BC ( <b>99 samples of 490 tested</b> ) |          |  |          |          |           |  |

## DECEMBER 2020

| Date & Location  | Expected Drug      | Drugs Detected                           | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?   |
|--|--------------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| 14 December 2020- Interior Health, Penticton   | Down/Heroin        | Fentanyl and benzodiazepines             | Positive       | Positive    | Penticton      | High risk of overdose with prolonged sedation!   |
| 10 December 2020- Overdose Prevention Society OPS, Vancouver   | Fentanyl/down      | Caffeine, inositol, fentanyl             | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           | Benzos combined with down can lead to prolonged symptoms. Check your drugs!                      |
| 8 December 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Oxycodone          | Microcrystalline cellulose, AMB-FUBINACA | Positive       | Negative    | Unknown        | AMB-FUBINACA is a synthetic cannabinoid and can have adverse effects when cut into opioids.      |
| 5 December 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Alprazolam (Xanax) | Microcrystalline cellulose, adinazolam   | Negative       | Positive    | Unknown        | Adinazolam is a benzodiazepine – derivative that is not used in North America. Check your drugs! |
| During the month of December <b>15.49%</b> of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using benzo test strips in our partner sites around BC ( <b>59 samples of 381 tested</b> ) |                    |  |                |             |                |  |

## NOVEMBER 2020

| Date & Location  | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected                 | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?  |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| 25 November 2020- Overdose Prevention Society OPS, Vancouver | Fentanyl      | Caffeine, erythritol, fentanyl | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           | Combining down and benzos may cause prolonged symptoms- check your drugs! |

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| 20 November 2020-<br>ASK Wellness, Vernon  | Fentanyl   | Fentanyl and etizolam   | N/A | N/A | Vernon                       | High risk of overdose- may not respond to naloxone. Check your drugs! |
| 4 November 2020-<br>Interior Health  | Large increase in the number of 911 calls for overdose in the South Okanagan (Penticton and Oliver/Osoyoos) form “down” being sold in the community. |                         |     |     | Penticton and South Okanagan | Check your drugs!   |
| 3 November 2020-<br>ANKORS, Cranbrook  | Down   | Fentanyl (toxic levels) | N/A | N/A | Cranbrook                    | High risk of overdose!! Check your drugs at any local OPS or SCS.     |
| During the month of November <b>14.62%</b> of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using benzo test strips in our partner sites around BC ( <b>50 samples of 342 tested</b> ) |  |                         |     |     |                              |   |

## OCTOBER 2020

| Date & Location   | Expected Drug                     | Drugs Detected                         | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| 29 October 2020-<br>ANKORS  | MDMA                              | Fentanyl (No MDMA detected)            | N/A            | N/A         | Cranbrook      | High risk of overdose!! Check your drugs at any local OPS or SCS.                               |
| 27 October 2020-<br>SafePoint, Surrey   | Down                              | Caffeine, mannitol, fentanyl, etizolam | Positive       | Positive    | Unknown        | Combining benzos and down can cause extreme and prolonged symptoms; test your drugs at any OPS. |
| 22 October 2020-<br>Overdose Prevention Society OPS, Vancouver  | Down                              | Fentanyl, benzodiazepines              | Positive       | Positive    | Vancouver      | Check your drugs at any local SCS or OPS.   |
| 5 October 2020-<br>Vancouver  | Samples of Cocaine, Crack and MDA | Etizolam                               | Positive       | Positive    | Vancouver      | High risk of overdose that may not respond to Naloxone; Use at any OPS/SCS!                     |
| During the month of October <b>12.65%</b> of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using benzo test strips in our partner sites around BC ( <b>43 samples of 340 tested</b> ) |                                   |  |                |             |                |   |

## SEPTEMBER 2020

| Date & Location                 | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected   | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased  | What does this mean?   |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| 25 September 2020- Vancouver    | Down          | Fentanyl   | N/A            | N/A         | Vancouver       | May cause overdose due to high concentrations of fentanyl; take a tester shot and use at any OPS/SCS   |
| 25 September 2020- Vancouver    | Unknown       | Etodesnitazene (a novel opioid-like drug), crystal meth, cocaine, and fentanyl | N/A            | N/A         | Vancouver       | Etodesnitazene is a new opioid-like drug and its safety is unknown. Check your drugs and don't use alone!  |
| 25 September 2020- ASK Wellness | Down          | Etizolam and fentanyl  | N/A            | N/A         | Kamloops        | High risk of overdose that may not respond to Naloxone.  |
| 17 September 2020- ASK Wellness | Down          | AMB-FUBINACA (synthetic cannabinoid), fentanyl, caffeine                       | N/A            | N/A         | Kamloops        | Check your drugs for unknown and unexpected substances at any local OPS/SCS!   |
| 16 September 2020- ASK Wellness | Down          | AMB-FUBINACA (synthetic cannabinoid)   | N/A            | N/A         | Vernon          | AMB-FUBINACA is a synthetic cannabinoid that can cause serious symptoms such as seizures, agitation, confusion, decreased breathing and hallucinations.<br><br>Check your drugs! |
| 9 September 2020- ASK Wellness  | Fentanyl      | Etizolam (benzo), fentanyl   | Positive       | Positive    | Vernon          | High risk of overdose that may not respond to Naloxone! Test your drugs at any local SCS or OPS.   |
| 4 September 2020- Vancouver     | Unknown       | Furanyl- UF 17, fentanyl and caffeine  | N/A            | N/A         | North Vancouver | Test your drugs!   |

During the month of September, **6%** of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using benzo test strips in our partner sites around BC **(21 samples of 327 tested)**

## AUGUST 2020

| Date & Location  | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected                         | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased                       | What does this mean?  |
|--|---------------|--|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 14 August 2020- ANKORS, Nelson, BC   | Down          | Fentanyl, benzodiazepines              | Positive       | Positive    | Nelson, Trail, Salmo, Castlegar area | High risk of overdose! Test your drugs at any local SCS or OPS.                                 |
| 13 August 2020- ANKORS, Nelson, BC   | Down          | Caffeine, erythritol, fentanyl, benzos | Positive       | Positive    | Grand Forks                          | Combining benzos and down can cause extreme and prolonged symptoms; test your drugs at any OPS. |
| During the month of August <b>9.2%</b> of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using benzo test strips in the Vancouver Coastal Health region ( <b>26 samples of 284 tested</b> ) |               |  |                |             |                                      |   |

## JULY 2020

| Date & Location                                       | Expected Drug   | Drugs Detected                                     | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?  |
|---|-----------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|---|
| 15 July 2020- Overdose Prevention Site OPS, Vancouver | Unknown         | Methylamine HCl                                    | Negative       | N/A         | DTES           | Methylamine causes irritation and burning when used; it causes no health issues just discomfort.<br><br>Test your drugs at any OPS or SCS to check for any unexpected substances! |
| 14 July 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver        | Methamphetamine | Methamphetamine, methylamine HCl                   | Negative       | N/A         | DTES           |   |
| 14 July 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver        | Methamphetamine | Methamphetamine, dimethyl sulfone, methylamine HCl | Negative       | N/A         | DTES           |   |

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| 14 July 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Methamphetamine | Methylamine HCl  | Negative | N/A      | DTES |   |
| 14 July 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Methamphetamine | Methylamine HCl  | Negative | N/A      | DTES |   |
| 14 July 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Methamphetamine | Methylamine HCl  | Negative | N/A      | DTES |   |
| 12 July 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Down            | Mannitol (sweetener), caffeine, fentanyl HCl (high percentage) | N/A      | Positive | DTES | Combining benzos and opioids can make OD symptoms worse; Check your drugs!                                    |
| 12 July 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Down            | Caffeine, water  | Positive | Positive | DTES | Use slowly and check your drugs!  |
| 9 July 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver   | Down            | Etizolam   | Negative | Positive | DTES | Etizolam is a benzodiazepine that is very dangerous to use at doses of Down. Check your drugs at any OPS/SCS! |
| 2 July 2020- Overdose Prevention Site OPS, Vancouver  | Down            | Caffeine, erythritol and sucrose (sweeteners), fentanyl HCl    | Positive | Positive | DTES | Use any local OPS or SCS to test your drugs for benzos!   |
| 2 July 2020- Overdose Prevention Site OPS, Vancouver  | Down            | Caffeine, fentanyl HCl, sucrose and erythritol (sweeteners)    | Positive | Positive | DTES | Combining benzos and opioids can make OD symptoms worse.  |
| During the month of July, <b>9.2%</b> of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines using benzo test strips in the Vancouver Coastal Health region ( <b>26 samples of 284 tested</b> ) |                 |  |          |          |      |   |

## JUNE 2020

| Date & Location | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean? |
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| 25 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down            | Caffeine, fentanyl HCL<br>(high levels), erythritol and<br>sucrose (sweeteners) | Positive | Positive | DTES      | Use Slowly! Combining<br>benzos and opioids can<br>make OD symptoms<br>worse; check your<br>drugs at any OPS/SCS              |
| 25 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down            | Caffeine, fentanyl or<br>analogue, mannitol and<br>sucrose (sweeteners)         | Positive | Positive | DTES      |   |
| 25 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down            | Caffeine, mannitol<br>(sweetener), fentanyl HCl                                 | Positive | Positive | DTES      |   |
| 25 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down            | Caffeine, mannitol<br>(sweetener), fentanyl HCl                                 | Positive | Positive | DTES      |   |
| 25 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down            | Erythritol, caffeine, lactose   | Positive | Positive | DTES      |   |
| 19 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Cocaine         | Caffeine, cocaine   | Positive | N/A      | DTES      | Test your drugs for<br>fentanyl at local OPS to<br>test drugs for fentanyl!   |
| 19 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | "W-18"          | Caffeine, erythritol<br>(sweetener), fentanyl HCl;<br>(No W-18 present)         | Positive | Positive | DTES      | W-18 is a rare<br>depressant not been<br>seen by drug checking;<br>Drugs are often<br>reported to contain W-<br>18 but don't. |
| 19 June 2020-<br>Kamloops, BC   | Cocaine         | Phenacetin, caffeine,<br>cocaine  | Positive | N/A      | Kamloops  | Use take home test<br>strips available at your<br>local OPS to test drugs<br>for fentanyl!                                    |
| 18 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down            | Caffeine, mannitol<br>(sweetener), fentanyl or<br>analogue                      | Positive | Positive | DTES      | Check your drugs at<br>any OPS or SCS for<br>benzos!  |
| 17 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down            | Caffeine, erythritol<br>(sweetener), fentanyl or<br>analogue                    | Positive | Positive | DTES      | Combining benzos and<br>opioids can make OD<br>symptoms worse.  |
| 17 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down            | Caffeine, erythritol<br>(sweetener), fentanyl or<br>analogue                    | Positive | Positive | DTES      | Use any local OPS or<br>SCS to test your drugs<br>for benzos!   |
| 17 June 2020-<br>Cranbrook, BC  | Down            | High levels of fentanyl,<br>benzos  | Positive | Positive | Cranbrook | Buddy up when using<br>drugs and carry<br>naloxone!   |
| 10 June 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Methamphetamine | Meth, Caffeine  | Positive | N/A      | DTES      | Use clean baggies and<br>wash your hands after<br>handling drugs!   |



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| 7 June 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver | Down                  | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener), fentanyl HCl | Positive                           | Positive | Unknown | Check your drug for benzos at any OPS or SCS            |
| 3 June 2020- OPS, Vancouver                   | Down                  | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener)             | Positive                           | Positive | DTES    | Use any local OPS or SCS to test your drugs for Benzos! |
| 3 June 2020- OPS, Vancouver                   | Down                  | Fentanyl HCl (very high concentration)       | Positive                           | Negative | DTES    | Use slowly! And check your drugs at any OPS/SCS         |
| 3 June 2020- OPS, Vancouver                   | Unknown (Ground find) | Cocaine Base                                 | Positive (very high concentration) | Negative | DTES    | Check your drugs!                                       |

## MAY 2020

| Date & Location             | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected  | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | Area Purchased | What does this mean?   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| 28 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver | Down          | Caffeine, fentanyl HCl, licorice, erythritol (sweetener)                | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           | Use any local OPS or SCS to test your drugs for benzos!                              |
| 27 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver | Down          | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), sucrose (sugar), fentanyl or analogue | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           | Combining benzos and opioids can make OD symptoms worse; check your drugs!           |
| 21 May 2020- ANKORS, Nelson | Down          | Fentanyl or analogue and unknown benzo                                  | Positive       | Positive    | Nelson         | Buddy up when using drugs and check your drugs for benzos at any OPS or SCS.         |
| 21 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver | Down          | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener)  | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           |  |
| 20 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver | Down          | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener), fentanyl or analogue                    | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           | Benzos may not respond to Naloxone; Check your drugs!                                |
| 15 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver | Down          | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener)  | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           | Check for benzos your drugs at any local OPS and SCS; Benzos can cause prolonged ODs |
| 15 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver | Down          | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), and lactose                           | Positive       | Positive    | DTES           |  |

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| 7 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), sucrose (sugar)                       | Positive | Positive | DTES                  | Combining benzos and opioids can make OD symptoms worse; check your drugs! |
| 7 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener)  | Positive | Positive | DTES                  |  |
| 6 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down | Caffeine, erythritol and mannitol (sweeteners), ascorbic acid           | Positive | Positive | DTES                  | Benzo OD symptoms may continue after Naloxone is given; Use at OPS and SCS |
| 6 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), sucrose (sugar)                       | Positive | Positive | DTES (outside Insite) |  |
| 6 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener)  | Positive | Positive | DTES                  |  |
| 6 May 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), sucrose (sugar), fentanyl or analogue | Positive | Positive | DTES                  |  |
| 3 May 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Down | Caffeine, uncertain starch, fentanyl (5-10%)                            | Positive | Positive | DTES                  |  |
| 3 May 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Down | Caffeine, uncertain starch, fentanyl (5-10%)                            | Positive | Positive | DTES                  | Benzos can cause prolonged ODs; Check your drugs!                          |
| % of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region |      |   |          |          |                       |  |

**APRIL 2020**

| Date & Location | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | What does this mean? |
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| 29 April 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down (fentanyl) | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener)  | Positive | Positive | Check for benzos your drugs at any local OPS and SCS                       |
| 28 April 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver  | Down (fentanyl) | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener)  | Positive | Positive | Benzos can cause prolonged ODs   |
| 23 April 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down            | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), sucrose (sugar), fentanyl or analogue, possible carfentanil | Positive | Positive | Carfentanil is an extremely strong opioid; start slow and don't use alone! |
| 22 April 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down            | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), ascorbic acid   | Positive | Positive | Combining benzos and opioids can make OD symptoms worse; check your drugs! |
| 23 April 2020- OPS, Vancouver  | Down            | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), sucrose (sugar), fentanyl or analogue                       | Positive | Positive | Benzo OD symptoms may continue after Naloxone is given; Use at OPS and SCS |
| 18.1 % of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region |                 |   |          |          |  |

## MARCH 2020

| Date & Location   | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected  | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | What does this mean?   |
|---|---------------|---|----------------|-------------|--|
| 12 March 2020- OPS, Vancouver   | Down          | Caffeine, erythritol and sucrose (sugars)                     | Positive       | Positive    | Test your drugs for benzos at any local OPS and SCS  |
| 10 March 2020- Get Your Drugs Tested, Vancouver   | Down          | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener)                              | Positive       | Positive    | Benzos can cause prolonged ODs; Check your dr  |
| 9 March 2020- Safepoint, Surrey   | Down          | Caffeine, xylitol (sugar), fentanyl or analogue, and xylazine | Positive       | Positive    | Xylazine is an animal sedative not used in humans; It can increase the rise of ODs and won't respond to Naloxone |
| 5.59% of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region |               |   |                |             |  |

## FEBRUARY 2020

| Date & Location                        | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected   | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | What does this mean?                                  |
|--|---------------|--|----------------|-------------|---|
| 26 February 2020-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Down          | Caffeine, sugars, fentanyl or analogue                     | Positive       | Positive    | Benzos can cause prolonged ODs                        |
| 26 February 2020-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Down          | Caffeine, mannitol and inositol (sweeteners), fentanyl HCl | Positive       | Positive    | Check for benzos in your drugs                        |
| 21 February 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver    | Down          | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener)                           | Positive       | Positive    | Test your drugs for fentanyl at any local OPS and SCS |
| 14 February 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver    | Down          | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener), fentanyl or analogue       | Positive       | Positive    | Use as an OPS or SCS                                  |
| 7 February 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver     | Down          | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener), fentanyl or analogue       | Positive       | Positive    | Benzo-complicated ODs can recur after Naloxone        |
| 6 February 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver     | Fentanyl      | Caffeine, mannitol (sweetener), fentanyl                   | Positive       | Positive    | Test your drugs!                                      |

6.1% of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region

## JANUARY 2020

| Date & Location   | Expected Drug      | Drugs Detected                                  | Fentanyl Strip | Benzo Strip | What does this mean?   |
|---|--------------------|---|----------------|-------------|--|
| 29 January 2020-<br>Get Your Drugs Tested,<br>Vancouver | Down               | Caffeine, sugars, polyethylene glycol, fentanyl | Positive       | Positive    | Benzo complicated ODs can recur after Naloxone                           |
| 29 January 2020-<br>Insite, Vancouver                   | Down<br>(fentanyl) | Caffeine, fentanyl or analogue (5-10%)          | Positive       | Positive    | Use at an OPS or SCS   |
| 23 January 2020-<br>Safepoint, Surrey                   | Fentanyl           | Pseudoephedrine and cellulose                   | Negative       | Negative    | Pseudoephedrine is a stimulant used as a decongestant; Check your drugs! |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|----------|----------|---|
| 23 January 2020-<br>OPS, Vancouver    | Down            | Caffeine, sugar                                       | Positive | Positive | Test your down for benzos at any local OPS or SCS                                 |
| 22 January 2020-<br>Kamloops, BC      | Crystal Meth    | Crystal meth and fentanyl                             | Positive | N/A      | Check your drugs for fentanyl at drug checking                                    |
| 22 January 2020-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Down (fentanyl) | Caffeine, erythritol (sweetener), polyethylene glycol | Positive | Positive | Benzo-complicated ODs can recur after Naloxone                                    |
| 22 January 2020-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Down (fentanyl) | Caffeine, sugar, polyethylene glycol                  | Positive | Positive | Combining depressants can increase risk of overdose- may cause extended blackouts |

6.2% of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region

## DECEMBER 2019

| Date & Location                     | Novel Psychoactive substances (NPS) Detected by Laboratory Analysis   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| December 2019-<br>Insite, Vancouver | <b>Flubromazepam:</b> Benzodiazepines mixed with opioids increases the risk of overdose                                     |
| December 2019-<br>Insite, Vancouver | <b>Flualprazolam, Etizolam:</b> NPS benzodiazepines have unknown strength and potency. Check Down samples with test strips. |

12.5% of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in the Vancouver Coastal Health Region

11.8% of expected opioid samples tested positive for benzodiazepines in the Fraser Health Region

## NOVEMBER 2019

| Date & Location                      | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected                     | Fentanyl Strip | What does this mean?                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 13 November 2019-<br>MOPS, Vancouver | Fentanyl      | Suspected carfentanil and etizolam | Positive       | Benzo complicated ODs can recur after Naloxone |

| Date & Location | Novel Psychoactive substances (NPS) Detected by Laboratory Analysis |
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|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| November 2019-<br>Safepoint, Surrey | <b>Unknown U-Family opioid:</b> U-Family (utopic opioids, utopioids) have unknown potency and effects. Fentanyl test strips cannot detect U-Family opioids. |
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## OCTOBER 2019

| Date & Location                       | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected                                 | Fentanyl Strip | What does this mean?  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|----------------|---|
| 30 October 2019-<br>Safepoint, Surrey | Down          | Synthetic cannabinoid (suspected AMB-FUBINACA) | Positive       | May cause cannabis-like hallucinations; Use at any OPS/                 |
| 3 October 2019-<br>MOPS, Vancouver    | Fentanyl      | Suspected etizolam and carfentanil             | Positive       | Benzo OD's can recur after Naloxone; Check your drugs at and OPS or SCS |

| Date & Location                    | Novel Psychoactive substances (NPS) Detected by Laboratory Analysis  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| October 2019-<br>Safepoint, Surrey | <b>FUB-AMB:</b> Synthetic cannabinoids may cause hallucinations, agitation, seizure or other adverse effects |
| October 2019-<br>Safepoint, Surrey | <b>UF-17:</b> Synthetic opioid with unknown potency and effects  |

## SEPTEMBER 2019

| Date & Location                         | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected                     | Fentanyl Strip | What does this mean?                                    |
|---|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 12 September 2019-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Fentanyl      | Suspected etizolam and carfentanil | Positive       | May cause cannabis-like hallucinations; Use at any OPS/ |

## AUGUST 2019

| Date & Location | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected | Fentanyl Strip | What does this mean? |
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| 24 August 2019-<br>Safeport, Surrey  | Down | N/A                 | N/A      | Increased risk of overdoses; don't use alone and carry Naloxone   |
| 14 August 2019-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Down | Etizolam            | Positive | Benzos may increase the risk of an overdose; use at an OPS or SCS |
| 8 August 2019-<br>Safeport, Surrey   | Down | Heroin and fentanyl | Positive | Check your drugs for fentanyl at any OPS or SCS                   |

## JULY 2019

| Date & Location                  | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected               | Fentanyl Strip | What does this mean?   |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 31 July 2019-<br>DTES, Vancouver | Xanax         | Various drugs                | N/A            | Many pills sold as Xanax contain drugs other than alprazolam; Check your drugs!                        |
| 25 July 2019-<br>DTES, Vancouver | Ketamine      | Ketamine and methamphetamine | Negative       | Meth is a strong stimulant that has much longer lasting effects than ketamine.                         |
| 17 July 2019-<br>DTES, Vancouver | Down          | Fentanyl and benzos          | Positive       | Benzos may increase the risk of an overdose; use at any OPS or SCS                                     |
| 16 July 2019-<br>MOPS, Vancouver | Fentanyl      | Xylazine and fentanyl        | Positive       | Xylazine is a strong depressant that can increase the risk of overdose                                 |
| 8 July 2019-<br>Powell River, BC | Down          | Possible benzo contamination | N/A            | Benzos can cause decreased level of consciousness and memory loss, especially when mixed with opioids. |
| 2 July 2019-<br>Vancouver        | Down          | Benzodiazepines              | N/A            | Benzos can cause severe drowsiness; use at an OPS or SCS.  |

## JUNE 2019

| Date & Location                 | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected            | Fentanyl Strip | What does this mean?        |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 27 June 2019-<br>OPS, Vancouver | Down          | Benzo test strip positive | Positive       | May cause OD and drowsiness |

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| 12 June 2019-<br>Safepoint, Surrey | Alprazolam | Fentanyl, etizolam and<br>Flubromazolam | Positive | Strong benzo, may cause prolonged OD and<br>severe drowsiness. |
| 12 June 2019-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Down       | Flubromazolam                           | Positive | Strong benzo, may cause prolonged OD and<br>severe drowsiness. |

## MAY 2019

| Date & Location                   | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected                           | Fentanyl Strip | What does this mean?  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|----------------|---|
| 22 May 2019-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Fentanyl      | Benzodiazepines                          | Positive       | May cause prolonged ODs   |
| 10 May 2019-<br>MOPS, Vancouver   | Fentanyl      | Carfentanil                              | Positive       | Carfentanil is very strong opioid that may cause<br>OD even in very small amounts |
| 7 May 2019-<br>MOPS, Vancouver    | Down          | Dextromethorphan, lidocaine,<br>fentanyl | Positive       | DXM may cause hallucinations or dissociation at<br>higher doses                   |

## APRIL 2019

| Date & Location                     | Expected Drug | Drugs Detected                       | Fentanyl Strip | What does this mean?  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 17 April 2019-<br>Insite, Vancouver | Cocaine       | Cocaine with ~25% Meth               | Negative       | Check your drugs for unknown substances!  |
| 16 April 2019-<br>Kamloops, BC      | Heroin        | Heroin and AMB-FUBINACA              | Positive       | AMB-FUBINACA is a synthetic cannabinoid;<br>Check your drugs at any OPS or SCS! |
| 9 April 2019-<br>MOPS, Vancouver    | Heroin        | Heroin with ~25%<br>Dextromethorphan | Negative       | DXM may cause hallucinations or dissociation at<br>higher doses                 |