

Fentanyl-positive non-opioids from drug checking in British Columbia: September 2021								
Date	Location [City]	Expected Drug [Category]	Appearance	FTIR Results	Strip Results		Notes	Confirmatory Results
					Fentanyl	Benzo		
Sep 7 2021	Overdose Prevention Society [Vancouver]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	Colourless crystal	Methamphetamine, Caffeine	Positive	N/A	Caffeine detected by FTIR suggests <i>down</i> contamination.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Sep 7 2021	Overdose Prevention Society [Vancouver]	Alprazolam [Depressant]	White tablet	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain match	Positive	Negative	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Sep 9 2021	ASK Wellness [Merritt]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	Colourless crystal	Methamphetamine	Positive	N/A	Participant reported re-using their baggie after storing fentanyl.	Not available at this location.
Sep 12 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam [Depressant]	White tablet	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain match	Positive	Negative	No context provided. An alert was issued via RADAR.	Awaiting results.
Sep 12 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam [Depressant]	White tablet	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain match	Positive	Negative	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Sep 12 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Flualprazolam [Depressant]	Light brown powder	Flualprazolam, Uncertain match	Positive	Positive	No context provided. An alert was issued via RADAR.	Awaiting results.
Sep 15 2021	Living Positive Resource Centre [Kelowna]	Crack cocaine [Stimulant]	Black residue	Cocaine base, Phenacetin	Positive	Negative	Brought for checking after being linked to multiple overdoses.	Not available at this location.
Sep 21 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Cocaine [Stimulant]	Light blue powder	Mannitol, Fentanyl	Positive	Negative	No additional context. Always question cocaine that is not white.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Sep 21 2021	Overdose Prevention Society [Vancouver]	Alprazolam [Depressant]	White tablet	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain oil	Positive	Negative	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.

Sep 22 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Clonazepam [Depressant]	White powder	Etizolam	Positive	Positive	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Sep 23 2021	ASK Wellness [Merritt]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	Colourless crystal	Methamphetamine	Positive	N/A	Sample was stored with <i>down</i> leading to cross- contamination.	Not available at this location.
Sep 23 2021	Overdose Prevention Society [Vancouver]	Cocaine [Stimulant]	White flake	Cocaine	Positive	N/A	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Sep 23 2021	Overdose Prevention Society [Vancouver]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	White crystal	Methamphetamine	Positive	Negative	Participant noted re-using baggies.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.
Sep 28 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	MDMA [Psychedelic]	Light yellow crystal	Fentanyl, Xylazine, Cocaine base, Uncertain Match	Positive	Negative	No additional context.	Awaiting results.
Sep 28 2021	Overdose Prevention Society [Vancouver]	Etizolam [Depressant]	Light grey powder	Caffeine, Mannitol, Erythritol, Fentanyl	Positive	Positive	No additional context.	Not sent for confirmatory testing.

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.