

Confidentiality of Data

The individual making the report commits, for the person who provides the information (victim, witness, other), to gather and transmit all information received confidentially.

The Department of Public Health commits to treating all information confidentially. The form shall be received at a confidential fax at the offices of the Department of Public Health. No data enabling identification of the victim or witnesses of the overdose shall be forwarded to an external party.

Explanatory Notes

Objectives of monitoring

Document the occurrence of opioid overdoses in Nunavik and monitor their evolution.

Who can report?

This form is primarily destined for use by professionals of the health network to report on situations reported to them. It may be used by other interveners as needed.

What to report?

The form must be completed when an intervener believes the situation is of concern because:

- the overdose is presumed to be linked to opioids, or;
- a large number of individuals overdosed within a short time period, or;
- the symptoms of the overdose are particularly severe, or;
- the circumstances are unusual.

As needed, check the pertinence of filling out a form with the professional on duty at the Department of Public Health:

- during office hours: Olivier Godin (418 666-7000, #10160)
- outside office hours: see the list of physicians on duty for Public Health.

Explanations on sections of the form

Although it is not obligatory to fill out all sections of the form, it is strongly encouraged to send a maximum of information. The elements of particular importance for documentation are the date of the overdose, the place of the overdose and the description of the products consumed.

Date and place of overdose

The information on the date and place of the overdose can help determine whether an outbreak of overdoses is under way. Additional details for the purpose of better geographic identification of the overdose location can be useful if the victim or witness agrees to provide them (e.g., intersection, known public place).

Products consumed, form, appearance and packaging

It is important to gather information on all the products consumed before the overdose and not only on the product that the victim or witness believes caused the overdose. If possible, note additional details on the product and its packaging (e.g., format, colour, logo, distinctive signs).

Other pertinent information

As needed, use an additional sheet to provide any additional information that could help document and explain the situation.