

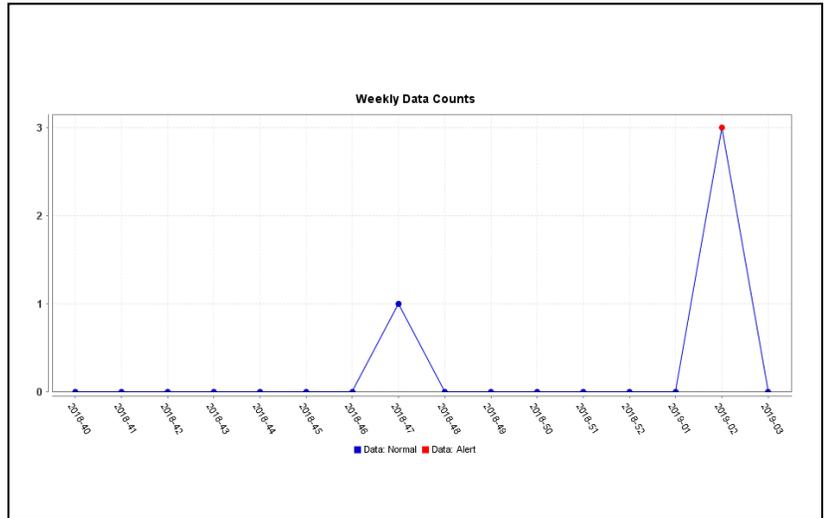


## SUSPECTED OPIOID ACTIVITY ALERT

01/14/2019

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is issuing a public health alert due to an increase in suspected opioid drug overdose activity in Barron County.

From 01/06/2019 to 01/12/2019, DHS identified 3 reports of suspected opioid drug overdoses seen at hospital emergency departments. This is statistically higher than expected.



Increased opioid drug overdose activity in this area is considered a greater number of opioid drug overdoses than would otherwise be expected within a seven-day period based on your county’s or region’s most recent opioid overdose activity. Opioid activity reports are detected through analyses of syndromic surveillance data recorded in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s [National Syndromic Surveillance Program](#) BioSense Platform.

### Action Steps

- **Local health departments and tribal health centers, Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalitions, regional health officers:** Please forward to hospitals, clinics, emergency departments, urgent care centers, convenience clinics, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and the local coroner or medical examiner office.
- **Hospitals and clinics:** Please distribute to health care providers in these facilities that might treat patients with symptoms of drug overdoses.
- **Providers:** Provider resources and trainings can be accessed at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/professionals.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/professionals.htm)

### Resources:

- Patient and Caregiver Brochures: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01571.pdf](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01571.pdf) (English)  
[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01571s.pdf](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01571s.pdf) (Spanish)
- Pharmacies Dispensing Naloxone: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/naloxone-pharmacies.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/naloxone-pharmacies.htm)
- Wisconsin Opioid Treatment Directory: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/find-treatment.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/find-treatment.htm)
- Addiction Medicine Consultation Line: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/addiction-medicine-consultation-line.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/addiction-medicine-consultation-line.htm)
- Project ECHO: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/project-echo.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/project-echo.htm)
- Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline: [www.addictionhelpwi.org](http://www.addictionhelpwi.org)
- DHS Wisconsin Opioids Homepage: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids)

This alert is intended for public health officials, health care personnel, and response partners who have a need to know this information in order to perform work duties. For further data or technical assistance, please contact [dhshealthstats@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhshealthstats@dhs.wisconsin.gov).