

# JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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## **Rise in Overdose Activity in Jefferson County**

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Jefferson County, NY is experiencing increased overdose activity from drug use. There have been 6 confirmed overdose deaths for 2019. However, beginning in October, there are an additional 10 possible overdose deaths pending toxicology confirmation, 5 from October; and 5 from November. The department is awaiting emergency department and hospitalization data from all area hospitals to confirm activity levels in these facilities.

The Jefferson County Public Health Service and the Alliance for Better Communities want to remind people that a number of community resources have been established and expanded to help people who have substance use disorders, and for people to access these resources to receive assistance and treatment:

**Anchor Recovery Center of NNY:** (315) 836-3460

**Credo Community Center for Treatment of Addictions:** (315) 788-1530

**ACR Health:** (315) 785-8222

**Samaritan Addiction Services:** (315) 779-5060

**Samaritan Medical Center - Social Worker on Call:** (315) 785-4516

**Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 1-800-273-8255

**Northern Regional Center for Independent Living:** (315) 785-8703 business hours;  
and (315) 785-8708 nights and weekends.

**Mobile Crisis Jefferson County:** (315) 782-2327

**Hope Line:** 1-877-8-HOPENY or Text 46736

To receive Naloxone training and free kits, contact Credo, ACR Health, or the Anchor Recovery Center of NNY

The public is also reminded of **New York State's 911 Good Samaritan Law**, which allows people to call 911 without fear of arrest if they are having a drug or alcohol overdose that requires emergency medical care or if they witness someone overdosing.

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Additional information regarding this situation will be forthcoming.