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Lowell's Public Safety agencies have seen four fatal opiate overdoses in Lowell in the past nine days. We have also seen several other fatal overdoses in surrounding communities in the past week. There appears to be a lethal batch of opiates/fentanyl in the Greater Lowell area. Today, many street drugs contain deadly fentanyl. We strongly urge people not to use opiates, but if you or your loved one is suffering from addiction, please be extra vigilant in the coming days. Do not use alone, check on your loved ones frequently if they may be using opiates, and call 911 immediately if you witness an overdose. If you need help with a detox or recovery program, please contact one of the following:

Lowell CO-OP Team 978 631 7240  
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