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## **Carfentanil Warning**

**Dr. Anahi Ortiz, the Franklin County Coroner has issued a Carfentanil warning for Franklin County today.**

For the month of January 2019, Franklin County has had at least three (3) overdose deaths due to Carfentanil. The last death seen in Franklin County due to Carfentanil was in September of 2018. Preliminary results show that there were six (6) Carfentanil related deaths in the county for all of 2018. This release comes on the heels of the Cuyahoga Medical Examiner's public health warning yesterday due to an increase in Carfentanil there.

Carfentanil is a synthetic opioid and large animal sedative; it is **extremely potent and unsafe for human use**. Carfentanil is nearly impossible to detect by sight because it is often mixed with other drugs such as cocaine, heroin or disguised as prescription tablets.

Additionally, early preliminary numbers for Franklin County reveal that 44 people died of overdoses for the month of January 2019 compared to 25 during the same period in 2018.

**“Carfentanil has surfaced once more and it is important that our residents are aware of the lethality of the drug. Persons who use illicit or diverted drugs should never use alone, have someone there who can call 911 if needed. They should also carry naloxone”** -Dr. Anahi Ortiz

Information regarding naloxone, treatment, and recovery homes see below:

Franklin County Public Health along with Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) will provide free naloxone with a brief training. To locate these sites please visit: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/projectdawn>.

Other distributors of naloxone and for resources and information on addiction and treatment go to: <https://www.columbus.gov/publichealth>.

To find recovery homes and resources in Central Ohio go to: [www.corrn.net](http://www.corrn.net)