




Overdose Incident Management Team (IMT) Update


Overdose Incident Management Team

In May 2023, the State Health Commissioner formed an Incident Management Team (IMT) to coordinate overdose prevention, data, and harm reduction strategies in response to the increase in drug overdoses and deaths across the Commonwealth.

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Use Action Tracker to maintain accountability
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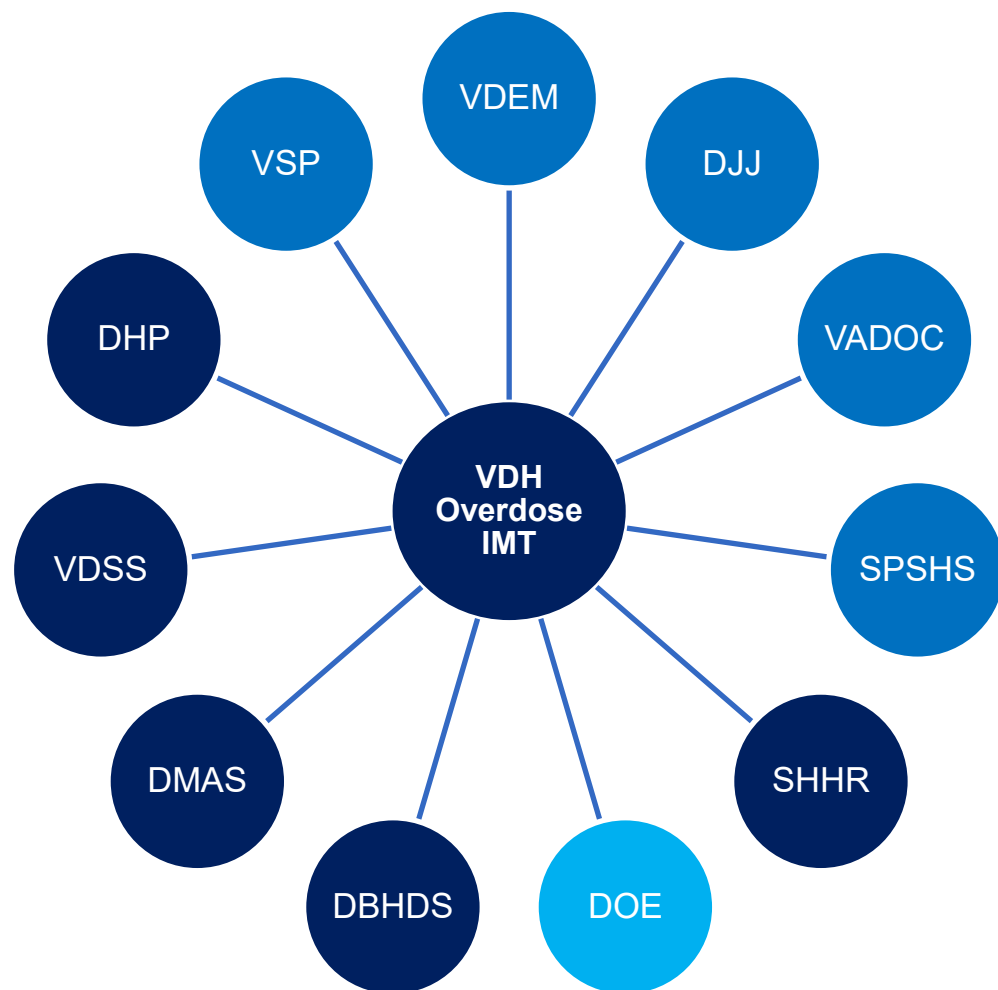
Review data to obtain common operating picture
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Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders
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Support local health departments and community partners

Overall Goal: Reduce the Drug Overdose Death Rate
Priority 1: Planning, Coordination and Management
Priority 2: Data and Analytics
Priority 3: Evaluation and Communication
Priority 4: Comprehensive Harm Reduction
Priority 5: Opioid Reversal Agents
Priority 6: Linkage to Care
Priority 7: Medication Assisted Treatment
Priority 8: Prevention

Coordination and Partnership



Support for First Lady’s Campaign

- *It Only Takes One* outreach & training

Opioid Abatement Authority

Operation FREE

- Multi-state fentanyl enforcement & education

Regional Engagement

- *Big Bet Against Overdose*
- Addressing Addiction and Overdose in Central Appalachia Symposium

Prevention Highlights

- **Opioid Impact Reduction Registry Report (SB 1415)**
 - Coordination with nonprofit organizations
- **Virginia Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)**
 - Expanded interstate data sharing
 - Prescriber report cards & clinical alerts
- **Emergency Department Bridge to Treatment Program**
 - Carilion Clinic partnership
 - Peer support & follow-up care
- **Public Health–Public Safety Collaborations**
 - Opioid Rapid Response Program
 - Overdose Fatality Review Team (EO 26)
 - ODMAP expansion

Data Achievements

- **Overdose Needs Assessment Tool**
 - Dashboard launched (2021–2023 data); 2024 update due Feb 2026
- **Updated Dashboards**
 - Overdose deaths, ED visits, neonatal abstinence syndrome
 - Cited in 26+ media articles (Jan–Aug 2025)
- **Wastewater Surveillance**
 - Plan developed for fentanyl detection (EO 26)
 - Pilot program (RFP released Q1 2025) to sample up to three sewersheds

Harm Reduction Expansion

- **Comprehensive Harm Reduction (CHR)**
 - 15 sites statewide
 - 3-site pilot for pregnant women (Opioid Abatement Authority funding)
- **Naloxone & Test Strip Distribution (SFY 2025)**
 - 837 partners (+30%)
 - 158,700 naloxone kits (+10%)
 - 355,390 test strips (+15%)
- **New Products & Tools**
 - Injectable & 8 mg nasal naloxone
 - Nitazine test strips (2025)
 - New naloxone ordering portal