IMPORTANT:

Fentanyl test strips can only tell you if there is fentanyl in the supply that you tested. The test strip will not tell you the amount of fentanyl or if other drugs or substances are present.

HOW TO USE FOR DRUGS THAT ARE INJECTED:

What you need:
→ Fentanyl test strip
→ Teaspoon (5 mL) of water*
→ Empty syringe
→ Cooker

* If testing methamphetamines for fentanyl, will need ½ cup of water

If injecting drugs, it is always best to do a test shot and go slow when you inject.

1. Prepare your shot and draw it into a syringe. **Do NOT** shoot up yet. Set the loaded syringe aside and add 5mL (teaspoon) of water to the cooker.

2. Stir mixture.

3. Holding the test strip by the blue end, insert the test strip into the solution, but do not go past the blue line. Leave it in there for about 15 seconds.

4. Lay the test strip flat on top of the cooker for a full minute.

5. Check the result of the test strip.

6. Throw away the cooker and any remaining liquid. The remaining liquid is now toxic.

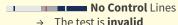## HOW TO USE FOR DRUGS THAT ARE SNORTED OR TAKEN BY MOUTH:

What you need:
→ Fentanyl test strip
→ Teaspoon (5 mL) of water*
→ Tablet or pill
→ Tool use to crush tablets or pill (like the back of a spoon)

* If testing methamphetamines for fentanyl, will need ½ cup of water

If your drug of choice comes in tablets, crush tablets and mix the powder well. If your drug of choice comes in capsules, open the capsules and mix the powder well. Fentanyl will clump together, and mixing well ensures the best detection results.

1. Add 5mL (teaspoon) of water into a small amount of your supply

2. Holding the test strip by the blue end, insert the test strip into the solution, but do not go past the blue line. Leave it in there for about 15 seconds.

3. Lay the test strip flat on a clean surface for a full minute.

4. Check the results of the test strip.

5. Throw away the mixture as the remaining liquid is now toxic.

WHAT RESULTS MEAN:

One Red Line
→ **Positive** - the drug contains fentanyl

Two Red Lines
→ **Negative** - the test did not detect fentanyl in the drug sample

No Control Lines
→ The test is **invalid**

No Lines
→ The test is **invalid**

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LINK TO MANUFACTURER'S WEBSITE

https://www.btnx.com/HarmReduction

Find **more information** on how to test for fentanyl using these test strips.

LINK TO VDH COMPREHENSIVE HARM REDUCTION WEBSITE

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/chr/

A VDH strategy to reduce the negative impact of drug use including **HIV**, **hepatitis C**, **other infections**, **overdose**, and **death** among people who are unable or not ready to stop using drugs.

DISCLAIMER:

Anyone who received fentanyl test strips accepts all responsibility for any harm, injury or death that occurs from taking drugs, regardless of whether such drugs have been tested with fentanyl test strips. VDH makes no representation and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the test strips or the manner in which a recipient uses them.

NEVER USE ALONE HOTLINE NUMBER

1-800-484-3731

Never Use Alone is a **judgment-free** hotline to make sure you are safe if you are using drugs by yourself. You will be asked for your first name, location, and the number you are calling from. An operator will stay on the line with you while you use. If you stop responding after using, the operator will notify emergency services of an **"unresponsive person"** at your location.

SAMHSA NATIONAL HELPLINE NUMBER

1-800-622-HELP (4357)

This **free**, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service **(in English and Spanish)** is for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.

WHERE TO RECEIVE NALOXONE

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/local-health-districts/

Many local health districts and community services boards dispense naloxone at REVIVE! training events, during walk-in clinic hours and at other community events. Contact your local health department at or community service board to learn more.

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