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NEW MANDATORY REPORTING OF OPIOID OVERDOSES IN MONO COUNTY

Whereas, opioid overdoses are now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States and the federal government has declared the opioid overdose a national emergency

Whereas, opioid use disorder affects numerous Mono County residents but we have insufficient data about the numbers of people affected

Whereas, an opioid overdose may signal the presence in the community of potentially lethal illicit opioid compounds, including fentanyl and indicate that others are at risk

Whereas, persons surviving opioid overdose are at increased risk for future fatal overdose and may be more receptive to intervention in the period immediately following an overdose

Whereas, effective treatment for opioid use disorder and opioid overdose exist

Whereas Mono County Public Health and partners will strive to contact survivors of opioid overdose to offer harm reduction services including medically-assisted treatment (MAT) and naloxone for bystander reversal of overdose

Whereas making contact with survivors and providing naloxone and offering MAT may additionally confer benefit on other individuals in their social network who are at risk from opioid use disorder

Therefore, effective immediately I am issuing an order mandating that cases of opioid overdose be reported to the Mono County Health Department by telephone or FAX within 24 hours of the incident.

Case definitions/criteria: Any case shall be reportable in which a diagnosis of opioid overdose is made, OR

Naloxone is administered with subsequent improvement in clinical status (e.g. level of consciousness or respiratory status) consistent with opioid overdose, OR

Opioid overdose is deemed to be a Cause of Death

This order applies to licensed health care personnel in and outside of healthcare facilities, including Emergency Medical Services personnel.

Legal Authority:

Mono County Health Officer Order for Reporting of Opioid Overdose

The Health Officer has the authority to “take measures as may be necessary to prevent and control the spread of disease within the territory under their jurisdiction” (CA Health and Safety Code 120175).

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