# **WiSOARR**

# Wisconsin Suspected Overdose Alerts for Rapid Response

## **Project Overview**

Collaborative efforts to curtail drug overdoses rely on timely dissemination of information about spikes in overdose events. The WI Department of Health Services (DHS) has developed the first web-based surveillance and alerting system for suspected overdoses in Wisconsin.

Designed to promote data-driven decision-making in overdose prevention efforts, Wisconsin Suspected Overdose Alerts for Rapid Response (WiSOARR) will provide statewide partners with access to near real-time overdose data and empower partners to leverage timely data for local, tailored overdose spike response.

#### **Data Sources**



Fatal Non-fatal overdoses

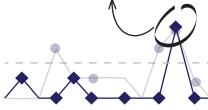
Our spike alert pilot program and WiSOARR Beta system are currently limited to non-fatal overdose data. When WiSOARR launches, we hope to equip users with preliminary, suspected fatal overdose data submitted by \*CMEs (coroners and/or medical examiners).

## System Features



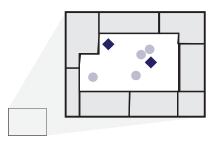


Wisconsin DHS has identified an increase in suspected drug overdose activity in your area.



Daily overdose event counts





Data will be:

- ✓ De-identified.
- ✓ Geomasked.
- ✓ Protected by data use agreement.

#### A Note for CMEs



Non-fatal suspected overdose data provide an incomplete picture of overdoses in Wisconsin. Due to the time lag necessary to complete detailed records, we are currently limited in our capacity to inform

public health partners about spikes in fatalities potentially due to overdose.

DHS is considering a number of solutions to allow CME offices to provide suspected overdose fatality data to WiSOARR. We have garnered contingent commitments to share provisional overdose fatality data from a small number of partners throughout the state.

We highly value input and feedback from our CME partners as we develop WiSOARR. Please reach out to our team if you'd be willing to provide feedback or learn more!



