



# Support Overdose Prevention Sites

**Overdose Prevention Sites (OPS)** are safe, community spaces that give people who use drugs a place to use and access life-saving interventions, like naloxone and support networks.



## Someone you love might need an OPS to stay alive.

Every day in 2020, nearly eight Marylanders died from an overdose, the highest toll ever recorded in our state and a 16.6% increase from the year before. Marylanders deserve better than this.

OPS can help us solve the overdose crisis that has taken countless lives and destroyed communities.

**Over 150 OPS exist in 12 countries** around the world – and many have been operating for decades.

## Opioid-Related Fatalities for the first 9 months of 2019 and 2020



**Overdose fatality dropped 35%** in the area around a single OPS within its first year of opening.

OPS meet people where they are, providing community support in their journey toward care.

**Over three years, OPS helped 67% of participants begin treatment.**

## OPS keep us and our communities safe.

For too long, the War on Drugs has forced people who use drugs to face incarceration, suffer social and emotional isolation, and engage in risky behaviors that put their health and that of others at risk.

**OPS are a safe consumption space that can help people who use drugs build bridges to wellness.**

When someone visits an OPS, they check in with a staff member about their health and intended substance use.

Visitors can use syringes, a clean preparation area, and fentanyl test strips. These resources help reduce the risk of HIV and Hepatitis C and fatal overdoses.

OPS can help us end the overdose epidemic in Maryland and connect people who use drugs to compassionate communities and care.

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**Fentanyl was present in 93%** of Maryland opioid-related deaths in 2020.

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## Overdose Prevention Sites?

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