



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN BC

ISLAND HEALTH

Victoria: A Walk for J: Steps to Awareness Memorial Walk, 4.5km ocean side walk starts at Beacon Hill Park sign on Dallas Road at 7am

Nanaimo: Community connection, harm reduction education and Naloxone training, speakers and story sharing (1pm), meet and greet with local service providers and organizations. Maffeo Sutton Park, 12-6pm, hosted by Nanaimo Community Action Team.

Campbell River: Raise awareness of the effects of the drug poisoning crisis and honour lives lost with education and resources from community partners, Naloxone training, and community art-making. In Spirit Square from 11am-3pm with the Campbell River Community Action Team.

INTERIOR HEALTH

Cranbrook: Community Connection Event with art exhibit, memorial for those lost, community resources, Naloxone training, and drug checking. In the parking lot of Community Connections Society of Southwest BC building from 12-4pm, organized by EKNPUD and ANKORS

Oliver: Moms Stop The Harm South Okanagan Pancake Brunch with free haircuts and counselling, family friendly activities, and Naloxone training. 6060 Station St from 10am-3pm.

Nelson: Nelson Fentanyl Task Force and partners organized a vigil to commemorate those lost to the overdose crisis. Harm reduction information and Naloxone will also be available. 1-3pm in Cottonwood Falls Park.

Kamloops: Come together to connect and remember through music, art, poetry, education, Naloxone, food, vigil, and more. McDonald Park, 5-7pm with Addition Matters Kamloops.

Kelowna: Music, Naloxone training, drug checking demo, and candlelight vigil in Kerry Park, 7-10pm.

Castlegar: Free BBQ, harm reduction supplies, education, and Naloxone training. At the former Flamingo Motel parking lot (1660 Columbia Ave) from 11am-4pm with the Castlegar and District Community Services Society.

NORTHERN HEALTH

Quesnel: CSUN IOAD Event with ceremonies, open mic, and memorial walk at Walking Bridge from 1-4:15pm.

Quesnel: CSUN BBQ with food, games, education and resources at CSUN (#3-445 Anderson Dr, across from Aroma Foods) starting at 4:30pm.

Prince George: Family friendly event with memorial crafts, food, Naloxone training, candlelight vigil, and songs. At Mr. PG from 5:30-8:30pm. Supported by The POUNDS Project, PG Community Action Team, Positive Living North, Moms Stop The Harm PG, and Hospice Hearts.

ONLINE EVENTS

#ENDOVERDOSE Virtual Event featuring frontline leaders of the overdose crisis. Register on [Eventbrite](#). 8:30-10:30am on August 31st. Organized by Overdose Response Community Action Teams in BC.

Moms Stop The Harm virtual [Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance](#) at 6:30pm. The event will feature songs and words of remembrance and is hosted at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific in Victoria, B.C.

FRASER HEALTH

Abbotsford: Music, speakers, naloxone training and take-home kits at Jubilee Park from 11am-3pm with Cedar Outreach Society

Coquitlam: Art and Awareness Event at Spirit Square – Glen Pine Pavilion from 11am-2:30pm, organized by TriCities Community Action Team

Surrey: Métis Nation BC handing out giveaway bags at Gateway Tower/Tower Station from 9:30-11:30am

Langley: Awareness walk from Derek Doubleday Arboretum to Douglas Park Spirit Square, where there will be a BBQ, naloxone training and community resources, speakers, and candlelight vigil. The walk starts at 6pm, events at Douglas Park start at 6:30pm. Organized by Langley Community Overdose Response and We All Play a ROLE.

Mission: Flower Power Art Show. Community art displayed with music, resources and community connection, Naloxone training, and a memorial vigil at 6:30pm. 4-7pm on 1st Avenue, organized by Mission Overdose Community Action Team.

Abbotsford: March from Jubilee Park to the Trinity Memorial United Church for a BBQ, music, and speakers to raise awareness and honour lives lost to the overdose crisis. From 3-7pm, organized by Abbotsford Drug War Survivors

VANCOUVER COASTAL

Vancouver: The Drug User Liberation Front (DULF), Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU) and Coalition of Peers Dismantling the Drug War holding a series of events including a protest march, block party and live stream, starts at 10am.

Vancouver: Métis Nation BC handing out giveaway bags at Pigeon Park in DTES from 2-4pm

Vancouver: InterUrban Art Gallery is showcasing DTES artists in an exhibit called "Not Just An Art Show: The OD Crisis on Canvas". Free, running Aug 31-Sept 3 from 2-6pm.

Powell River: March from City Hall to Willingdon Beach (Upper Lot) where there will be pizza and refreshments, Naloxone training, memorial table, and candlelight vigil. March starts at 5:30pm, organized by Moms Stop The Harm with Powell River Community Action Team and SUSTAIN Powell River.

EVENTS AT MULTIPLE LOCATION

Billboards to raise awareness for International Awareness Day have been donated by JM Media and Woody's Pub. Look for billboards at: Pender and Abbott (Vancouver), Powell Street (Vancouver), King George (Surrey), Barnet Highway (Coquitlam)

For awareness on International Overdose Awareness Day, the following Vancouver **landmarks will be lit up in purple** on August 31st: Science World, Burrard Bridge, Vancouver City Hall, Rogers Arena, BC Place

Mom's Stop the Harm members and friends will be drawing **chalk outlines** of body shapes to draw awareness to the terrible toll the overdose epidemic continues to take. Keep an eye out in the following cities for these displays: Vancouver, Langley, North Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Port Alberni, Quesnel

Please respect all COVID-19 protocols for events.

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