

## Summary of Suspect Fentanyl Cluster

On Thursday 2/17, the DPH Drug Surveillance Unit (DSU) received an alert from the Savannah Police Department of a drug seizure that included pressed oxycodone pills containing fentanyl and a mixture of cocaine and fentanyl called “cream”.

DSU reviewed syndromic surveillance data from around the state to identify overdoses that might be related to drugs that contain fentanyl. Syndromic surveillance tracks suspected drug overdose emergency department visits based on the patient’s chief complaint upon admission and/or discharge diagnosis and is used as an early detection method for potential clusters or outbreaks.

- 57 ED visits were identified from 2/2/22 – 3/14/22, with 89% of visits occurring after 2/12/22
- These visits mentioned cocaine, amphetamine/methamphetamine, crack cocaine, heroin, or pills (e.g., oxycodone, hydrocodone, Klonopin, “muscle relaxers”, “unknown pill”)
- Visits also indicated that the substance was possibly mixed with fentanyl, described an extreme reaction to a drug (e.g., patient reported taking 1 pill and went unresponsive immediately), or indicated that they had taken a stimulant or an unknown pill or substance and had a positive response to naloxone (i.e., Narcan).
- See below for geographic and demographic distribution of the visits related to this suspect cluster. (*note: Visits are de-identified and may include patients that were seen multiple times, and do not represent the number of individuals involved.*)

