



ADVISORY

PPH Launches ALERTABLE Notification System for Drug Poisoning Alerts

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Peterborough Public Health (PPH) is asking for your assistance in reaching people who use drugs and their loved ones. PPH is launching Alertable, a notification system for sharing drug poisoning alerts and information for the Drug/Opioid Early Warning and Surveillance System (EWSS).

About Alertable

These alerts are intended to reach people who use drugs, their loved ones, and service providers. The alerts will be reserved for life-saving information ONLY and will replace the current email system. They will include information about:

- Tainted and poisoned supply of drugs;
- Dangerous side effects being seen in the community; and
- Local services providing safe use sites and harm reduction materials.

Residents of the Peterborough region who may benefit from this life saving information can sign up in less than 30 seconds to receive alerts instantly via **email, text message, or Alertable app notifications.**

Our Ask:

- **Sign up for Alertable**
 - Starting today, you and your patients will be able to subscribe for free and easily to Alertable to receive EWSS drug poisoning alerts from Peterborough Public Health.
- **Assist us in reaching people who use drugs**
 - PPH is asking for your support in encouraging and supporting your patients who would benefit from the alerts to sign up.
 - Hang a poster (attached) in your waiting area or patient rooms to assist in promoting the program.

How Alerts Save Lives:

Drug-poisoning alerts are triggered by EMS and Emergency Department data as part of the EWSS. Additional information from service providers is often added to identify substances of concern. When an alert is triggered, the following guidance is provided to people who use drugs,

- NEVER use drugs alone. Visit the Consumption & Treatment Site (CTS) – 220 Simcoe St. Open 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. daily
- Carry MULTIPLE naloxone kits
- Access test strips and drug checking services at the CTS to be better informed about what may be present in your drugs before using them.

Sign up for drug poisoning alerts, view active alerts, and learn more about Alertable at the QR code or URL

<https://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/your-health/drug-poisoning-alerts/>

