



## Greene County Public Health

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## Greene County Public Health to Host Remembrance Event for International Overdose Awareness Day

**FAIRBORN, OH** —Greene County Public Health's Harm Reduction team invites the community to come together for **International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD)** on **Friday, August 29, 2025, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at the Fairborn office, located at **25 S. Central Avenue, Fairborn.**

This year's IOAD theme is **"One big family, driven by hope."** This theme reminds us that we are stronger when we stand together, supporting one another with compassion, love, and hope for healing.

The Fairborn remembrance event will be a time for **reflection, healing, and community.** Guests are invited to share a meal and honor the lives lost to overdose. Every life matters, and no one should be forgotten.

In honor of IOAD, the public is encouraged to **wear purple** to show support on **Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, which coincides with several other local awareness events.** Wearing purple is a simple way to:

- **Show Support:** Stand against the stigma of addiction and overdose.
- **Honor Loved Ones:** Remember those we've lost and support their families and friends.
- **Raise Awareness:** Spark important conversations about overdose prevention and resources.

### How You Can Participate:

- Wear purple clothing, accessories, or even paint your nails purple on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Share your photos on social media with the hashtag **#PurpleForOverdoseAwareness.**
- Encourage family, friends, and coworkers to join in.

### Free Resources Available

To help save lives, the community has free access to **Naloxone** kiosks at these locations:

- Central State University

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- Greene County FISH Food Pantry
- Recovery Plus
- Toward Independence (Coffee Hub)
- Yellow Springs Pharmacy
- Yellow Springs Station (*new!*)
- Greene County Public Health
- Abiding Christ Lutheran Church (outdoor)

Naloxone and Fentanyl Test Strips can also be ordered **by mail** for free.

“Together, we can create a wave of awareness and compassion. By wearing purple, sharing resources, and remembering those we’ve lost, we stand united in the fight against overdose,” said **Kaci Warren, Harm Reduction Program Manager at Greene County Public Health.**

The public is invited to join GCPH’s IOAD Remembrance Event scheduled for **Friday, August 29 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at the Fairborn office, located at **25 S. Central Avenue, Fairborn.** The event is FREE.

For more information, please contact **Kaci Warren**, Harm Reduction Program Manager at [kwarren@greenecophoh.gov](mailto:kwarren@greenecophoh.gov) or by phone at **937-374-5673.**

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