

# END THE SYNDEMIC\*



## An Opioid Crisis Meets A Global Pandemic

### OVERDOSE DEATHS SOAR DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

More than 81,000 people died as a result of overdose in the US between May 2019 and May 2020 (67,367 in 2019). **That's the equivalent of the number of people who would die if there were 500 fatal Boeing 737 airline crashes.**

Source: CDC, Drug Overdose Data



### COVID-19 PANDEMIC INCREASED DRUG USE

 **38.4%**

**Fentanyl and synthetic opioid overdose deaths**

increased 38.4% over the previous 12 months, ending May 2020.

Source: CDC, Drug Overdose Data



 **123%**

**Emergency Department visits for nonfatal opioid overdoses more than doubled (123%) during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Source: JAMA, 2020

### COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IS KEY

Collaborate with community partners and participate in coalition efforts to identify strategies to end the syndemic across the Continuum of Care.



Health  
Promotion

Prevention

Case  
Identification

Overdose  
Prevention

Treatment

Recovery

*\*Syndemic: A set of linked health problems which interact synergistically to contribute to the burden of disease among a population.*



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