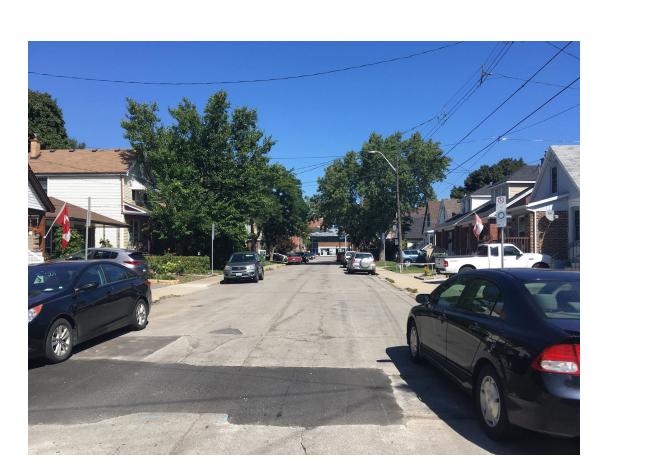
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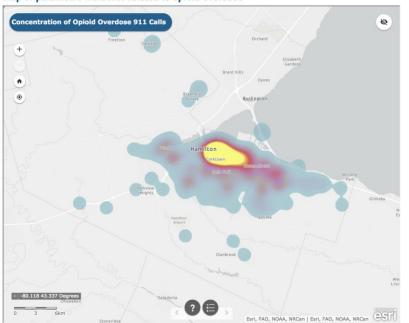
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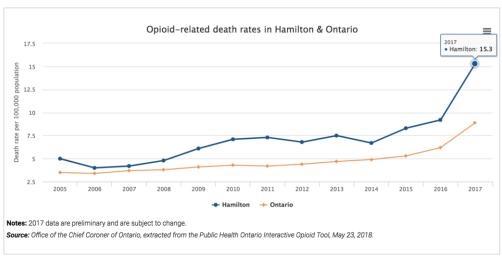
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Epidemiology of Hamilton's Opioid Crisis

Map of paramedic incidents related to opioid overdose





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Timeline

Safe Consumption Sites in Hamilton, ON

2018 2018 2018 2017 2018 **December 4 June 13 July 12 July - August** August 13 Overdose Prevention Ontario Health Hamilton Health All present City Hamilton's first Site visits: Minister Sciences and St. Councillors (10) **Overdose** Joseph's Healthcare Christine Flliott 295 in July voted "Yea" on **Prevention Site** Hamilton states it. halts opening Motion 6 at **opens** at Urban 332 in August. cannot find of approved meeting of the Core Community appropriate space Since opening: 11 OPS sites to Board of Health Centre. Funded for a Supervised overdoses, all assess "merit" Consumption Site until Nov 30, managed with 2018. oxygen therapy (i.e. no naloxone)

Why we are advocating

- Supervised Consumption Sites are evidence-based, life-saving interventions for populations that use drugs
- Hamilton is in the middle of a severe opioid crisis
- Delaying or removing supervised consumption services from Hamilton will result in preventable and unnecessary death and illness in our community

Our Ask

We ask that the Board of Health:

- (i) Reaffirm its support for supervised consumption, and Motion 6 of the December 4th, 2017 meeting of the Board of Health
- (ii) Each member sign an open letter to Premier Ford and Health Minister Christine Elliott reiterating the evidence and outlining Hamilton's need for supervised consumption

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