

FENTANYL CRISIS IN KANSAS

"Illicit fentanyl, especially in fake pills, is the deadliest drug our country has ever seen and is affecting Kansans at record rates. Just one teaspoon of fentanyl can poison and kill thousands of people. With such a deadly amount being able to fit on the tip of a pencil, we must do everything in our power to stop this terrible scourge." - Doc Marshall

Doc Marshall's Work To End The Fentanyl Crisis

- ▶ Senator Marshall cosponsored the Senate resolution to designate May 10, 2022 as **National Fentanyl Awareness Day**. The resolution supports increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl-related substances on families and young people.
- ▶ Senator Marshall supported the **HALT Fentanyl Act** to give law enforcement tools to help combat the fentanyl crisis by placing fentanyl-related substances as a class into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. A Schedule I controlled substance is a drug, substance, or chemical that has a high potential for abuse; has no currently accepted medical value; and is subject to regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties under the Controlled Substances Act.
- ▶ Senator Marshall supported the **Stop Fentanyl Border Crossings Act** to expand pandemic-related Title 42 expedited removal authority to combat the fentanyl overdose epidemic resulting from drug smuggling across our southern border.
- ▶ Senator Marshall traveled with **five Kansas Sheriffs to the Southern Border** earlier this year for briefings, tours, and meetings with border patrol officials. The trip came amid the pending expiration of Title 42 and the growing fentanyl crisis that is wreaking havoc in Kansas and across the nation.
- ▶ Senator Marshall and fellow Senate physicians released a **Public Service Announcement** about the dangers of illicit fentanyl that is killing Americans at record rates.




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54%

Kansas suffered a 54% increase in drug overdoses during the first six months of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020.

149

Of the 338 people in Kansas who died of a drug overdose between Jan. 1 and June 30 of last year – 149 involved fentanyl or fentanyl analogs.

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Overdose deaths from fentanyl-related substances topped all other drug-related overdose deaths in Kansas in 2021.

2,500

In the first three months of 2022, Kansas saw more than 2,500 drug overdoses.