

Alberta Drug Alert Email Listserv Information

The purpose of these listservs is to support key local stakeholders in notifying each other of novel or unusual levels of drug-related harms for a) awareness and b) to request additional data or assistance. This listserv is intended to be flexible to local needs, and to serve as an additional tool to connect local organizations. Initial invitation lists were developed based on conversations with harm reduction program staff in each zone.

This table lists all of the current drug alert listservs. You will need to sign-up for each listserv that you would like to receive notifications from and/or to send alerts to:

Zone & lead overseeing the listserv	email address to send an alert	Link to sign-up to the listserv (click on the link- it will take you to the homepage to subscribe)
Calgary- Robin Maher	alert-calgary-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-calgary-l
Edmonton- Jennifer McLaren	alert-edmonton-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-edmonton-l
Fort McMurray- Dorothy Baker	alert-fort-mcmurray-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-fort-mcmurray-l
Grand Prairie- Dorothy Baker	alert-grande-prairie-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-grande-prairie-l
Jasper- Dorothy Baker	alert-jasper-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-jasper-l
Lethbridge- Krista Worobec	alert-lethbridge-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-lethbridge-l
Medicine Hat- Krista Worobec	alert-medicine-hat-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-medicine-hat-l
Red Deer- Dianne Johns	alert-red-deer-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-red-deer-l
St. Paul- Dorothy Baker	alert-st-paul-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca	http://mailman.ucalgary.ca/mailman/listinfo/alert-st-paul-l

To subscribe to the lists- click on the respective links above. It will take you to a homepage and you will need to subscribe and create a password. After you have subscribed, the zone leads will approve the request and you will then be able to see previous alerts that were sent out and send/receive drug alerts.

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alert-medicine-hat-L -- zone communication: drug issues

About alert-medicine-hat-L

English (USA)

To see the collection of prior postings to the list, visit the [alert-medicine-hat-L Archives](#). (The current archive is only available to the list members.)

Using alert-medicine-hat-L

To post a message to all the list members, send email to alert-medicine-hat-l@mailman.ucalgary.ca.

You can subscribe to the list, or change your existing subscription, in the sections below.

Subscribing to alert-medicine-hat-L

Subscribe to alert-medicine-hat-L by filling out the following form. This is a closed list, which means your subscription will be held for approval. You will be notified of the list moderator's decision by email. This is also a private list, which means that the list of members is not available to non-members.



Your email address:

Your name (optional):

You may enter a privacy password below. This provides only mild security, but should prevent others from messing with your subscription. Do not use a valuable password as it will occasionally be emailed back to you in plaintext. If you choose not to enter a password, one will be automatically generated for you, and it will be sent to you once you've confirmed your subscription. You can always request a mail-back of your password when you edit your personal options.

Pick a password:

Reenter password to confirm:

Which language do you prefer to display your messages?

After you have subscribed, to post a drug alert to this listserv, send an email to the respective email address in the table above and your email will be automatically sent to the others on the list. To minimize bureaucracy, we have designed the listserv such that moderator approval is not required in order to post. This is so that there is no delay after an alert is sent out, an important consideration raised by community groups. The flipside is that there's no barrier to 'spamming' the list - so please be mindful of this when sending out a message to the group. We suggest posting to the listserv when you observe 1) a rapid increase in the frequency of overdoses within a short time period in a particular geographic region or 2) an unusual syndrome or presentation of drug-related harm.

Please ensure you include the following information, when possible, as part of sending out a drug alert:

1. Location
2. Time (when drug or overdose presentation first noticed)
3. Description of the Substance
4. Observed reaction to the substance
5. Street name(s) of the substance
6. Any specific request you wish to make of others in the group (sharing for awareness vs request for information from other organizations, help with disseminating an alert, etc.)
7. Level of urgency (e.g. FYI vs urgent action required)
8. Whether this information can be shared with media

****Please do not post confidential or individually identifiable information (e.g. a client name or picture) to this listserv****

Please also note that stakeholders may post information to this list that they do not want to be shared publicly. We ask that you kindly respect any specific requests for confidentiality made by the posting agency. However, please be aware that there is always a possibility that information provided to such a large variety of stakeholders may be shared (with good intentions, in almost all cases)

Contacts for zone leads if there are any issues signing up or you require information about a particular zone alert system:

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