



MATTERS

Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

MATTERS Network Begins Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution

Thanks to our partnership with the New York State Office of Addiction Services & Supports (NYSOASAS), the MATTERS team is proud to announce its new service: distribution of fentanyl test strips!

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50-100x more potent than other opioids like heroin or morphine. According to the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#) (CDC), overdose deaths involving fentanyl have **quadrupled** in recent years. In response to this pressing issue, the MATTERS Network is distributing packs of fentanyl test strips to participating hospital locations!

Participating hospitals need only submit a form on the MATTERS website to order up-to 500 test strips at a time. Each MATTERS-distributed fentanyl test strip will have a sticker applied to it with a QR-code linking to an instructional video on how to use the test strips; this will promote safer use with patients and support individuals at all reading levels.

For non-participating agencies interested in distributing fentanyl test strips, naloxone kits, or other harm-reduction resources, text your request to the Erie County Department of Health at 716-225-5473.

For more information on the MATTERS Network's harm reduction methods, visit our [website](#) or download our app on the [Apple Store](#) and [GooglePlay](#)!

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