NIEHS WTP COVID-19 Winter Webinar Series

The Paindemic: The Intersection between the COVID-19 Pandemic and Deaths of Despair

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81,230 overdose deaths, 12 months ending May 2020

Source: CDC HAN Report: Increase in Fatal Drug Overdoses Across the United States Driven by Synthetic Opioids Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Deaths of despair increasing during the pandemic

Source: JEC, US Senate, Long Term Trends in Deaths of Despair, SCP REPORT NO. 4-19 | SEPTEMBER 2019
Polling question #1 (select all that apply)

While working or returning to work during the pandemic, I am aware of increased:

a. Drug and alcohol use in my workplace.

b. Drug and alcohol use in my community.

c. Mental health problems among co-workers.

d. Mental health problems among family or community members.

Mental health problems may include stress, anxiety, depression, acute trauma, or PTSD.
Polling question #2 (select all that apply)

I provide workplace safety and health training that includes information about:

a. Stress, trauma, resilience and self-care.

b. Substance misuse prevention and response.

c. Suicide and mental health problems among co-workers.

d. Mental health and substance use problems among family or community members.

e. None of the above.

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