Illinois ODMAP Stakeholder FAQ

Illinois Partners,

First and foremost, thank you for your continued commitment to addressing the overdose crisis in Illinois. We're excited to share an important update that will make it easier to capture timely suspected overdose data—and open the door for more partners to join this effort.

Starting January 1, 2026, the Illinois Public Health Department will begin submitting statewide suspected overdose data to the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP). We, the Illinois Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) team, are here to assist local and state organizations with questions and support.

What is ODMAP, and why is it important for your community?

ODMAP is a free, web-based, mobile-friendly platform for near real-time reporting and monitoring of suspected fatal and non-fatal overdose events. Developed and managed by the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (W/B HIDTA), ODMAP works with agencies to collect, visualize, and analyze suspected overdose data within and across jurisdictions. The system enables users to leverage data to drive informed, coordinated, and community-based overdose response strategies.

ODMAP is available to all **local, state, federal**, and **tribal agencies** that serve the interests of **public safety** and **public health**. As of December 2025, approximately 5,600 agencies across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are using the platform. Over 3.3 million overdose events have been entered into ODMAP and 37,875 users registered.

ODMAP helps communities:
- Track and respond to overdose spikes
- Share information across agencies and jurisdictions
- Strengthen local strategies and save lives

Learn more at ODMAP.org.

What's Changing in Illinois?

New state legislation allows suspected overdose data from EMS to be automatically entered into ODMAP. For existing ODMAP users, this reduces the need for manual data entry and enhances the accuracy of data. For communities not yet participating in ODMAP, this is a great time to explore how the system can support your overdose prevention and response efforts.

This new process:

- Improves **timeliness and completeness** of overdose reporting
- Reduces **manual entry burden** for EMS and other agencies
Creates a **uniform statewide overdose surveillance system**

What Current ODMAP Users in Illinois Should Know

- **Avoid Duplicate Entries:** If EMS responds to an overdose, it will now be entered automatically. You do *not* need to enter these manually.
- **Continue Reporting Non-EMS Cases:** Please continue to enter incidents where EMS is not involved—such as fatal overdoses or cases where your agency responds independently.
- **Review Spike Alerts:** As overdose reporting increases, you may see more spike alerts *in the short term*. If your agency has a custom spike threshold, consider reviewing and adjusting it to better reflect new data volumes. For more information, see ODMAP-Spike-Alert-Overview.pdf

For Communities Not Yet Using ODMAP
This update makes it easier than ever to join the ODMAP network. Even if your agency doesn't manually enter data, **having access to real-time overdose trends in your area can inform prevention, outreach, and emergency response strategies.**

Eligible agencies include:
- Public health agencies (local health departments)
- Public safety agencies (police, sheriffs and HIDTA partners)
- Hospitals with emergency departments
- First responders (EMS, fire departments)
- Governmental agencies at all levels

To sign up for ODMAP, visit Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program - Request Agency Access

If you are unsure if your agency already has an ODMAP account, you can check here: ODMAP Participating Agencies

It is important to note that ODMAP is **not meant for the general public/media**. It is an internal situational awareness tool designed to help agencies monitor suspected overdose activity in near-real-time. **All entries represent suspected (i.e., unconfirmed) overdose events** based on initial impressions from EMS and other first responders and may not reflect confirmed cases.

ODMAP is **not intended to be a system of record** and does **not replace official overdose data** produced by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Resources and Support
- To learn more about ODMAP, visit: Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program -
- For additional resources, visit: Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program - Index
- Illinois opioid data: IDPH Opioid Data Dashboard

- Questions about implementation, privacy, or technical setup? For technical assistance contact Washington Baltimore HIDTA at odmap@wb.hidta.org or (301) 489-1744 (Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM EST).

- Questions about Illinois data, , contact the Illinois Public Health Department.
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- For additional information on the Overdose Response Strategy and training needs, please contact the **Illinois Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) Team** at orsprogram.org.
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Together, we can make Illinois's overdose response stronger, faster, and more informed. Thank you for your partnership and dedication.

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