

FENTANYL AWARENESS



On September 20, 2022, Governor Abbott [charged state agencies](#) to inform Texans of the prevalence and lethality of fentanyl. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is coordinating with our state agency partners to raise awareness about the impact of fentanyl in Texas and to provide resources targeted to school personnel, students, and families who we serve. School systems can strategically collaborate with other community-based organizations and their families.



- Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50–100 times more potent than morphine, often lethal with as little as 2 milligrams.
- Over 71,000 Americans died from fentanyl in 2021, an increase of 23 percent from the previous year.
- Over that same period, Texas saw an 89 percent increase in fentanyl-related fatalities, with

