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Dear Partners,

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is committed to providing valuable resources and support for harm reduction initiatives in Missouri communities. To help reduce fentanyl overdoses in Missouri, the Department is distributing fentanyl test strips (FTS) to local public health agencies and HIV and STI program partners.

Beginning on 02/04/2025, fentanyl test strips will be available via the DHSS Testing and Risk Reduction REDCap ordering system. This process is similar to the ordering process of condoms and STI tests. You can request ordering instructions by contacting the Bureau of HIV, STI and Hepatitis at <u>STDMEDOrders@health.mo.gov</u> or 888-252-8045.

The FTS kits will be shipped free of charge from the DHSS Warehouse. Each kit will include 10 FTS, instructions and harm reduction information, including a QR code link to additional resources.

Attached is a frequently asked questions document regarding fentanyl and fentanyl test strips. Free training opportunities regarding harm reduction, overdose education and substance use for the public and professionals can be found at the Missouri Institute of Mental Health website at https://mimhaddisci.org/training. For additional questions, please contact Karsyn Glueck at karsyn.Glueck@health.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

Karsyn Glueck Harm Reduction Coordinator

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Attachment: Fentanyl Test Strips Frequently Asked Questions

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