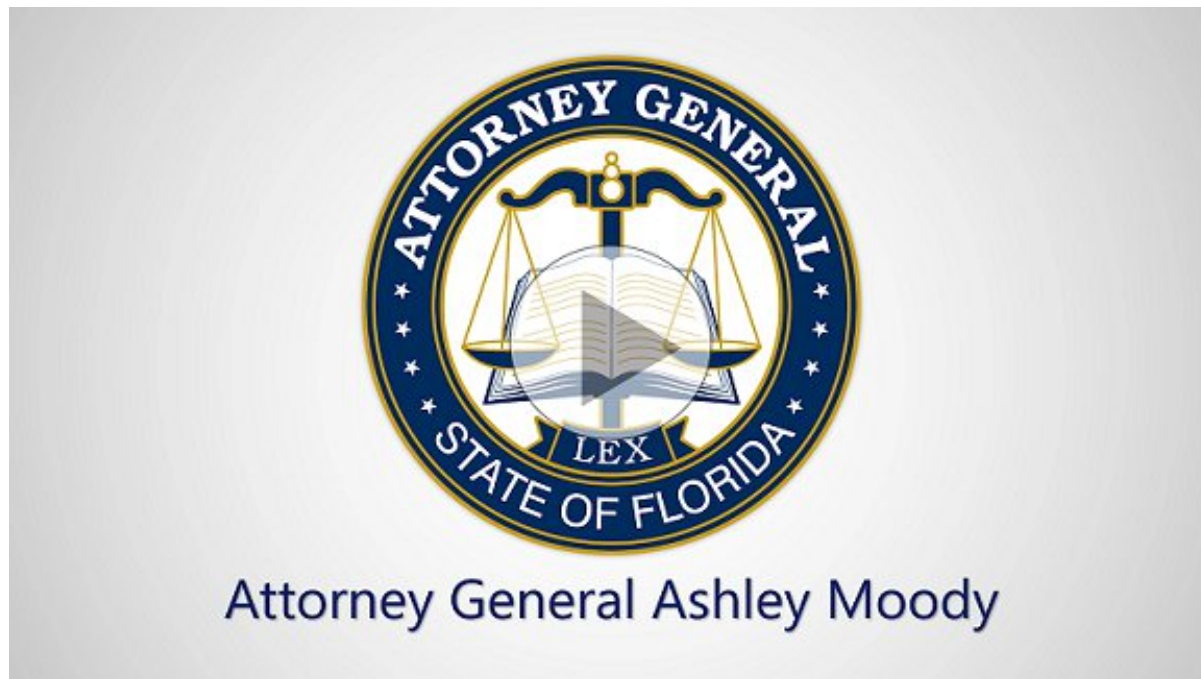


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## Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - Aug. 16, 2024



This week, we warned parents and children about the alarming increase in teen drug overdoses as millions of kids across Florida headed back to school.

A [study from the New England Journal of Medicine](#) revealed that about 22 teens die each week nationwide to drug overdoses—which is about the same number of students in a high-school class.

Drug overdoses and poisonings are now the third-leading cause of pediatric deaths in the country, largely due to fentanyl, which is now involved in at least 75% of adolescent overdose deaths.

We are urging parents to speak to their kids about the dangers of using drugs. While Florida leads the nation in fentanyl seizures and reports are showing an overall statewide decrease in overdose deaths, there are concerning nationwide trends involving youth dying from substance abuse.

Parents, as your kids return to school, please emphasize the importance of never using illicit substances, such as counterfeit pills or illicit vapes, because just one pill, or just one use, can kill.

For more information, resources, materials or tips, visit [DoseOfRealityFL.com](https://DoseOfRealityFL.com)—our statewide resource designed to increase public awareness, education and prevention efforts to address drug misuse and save lives.

Stay Safe, Florida.

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