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We are living in extraordinary times, and as we all have learned, just because we have been forced to focus on COVID-19 doesn't mean our other challenges have gone away. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen reports of an increase in opioid-related overdoses in Florida, affecting some as young as teenagers. In Jacksonville alone, 436 calls of suspected drug overdoses were reported in March—the highest monthly total since tracking began in 2015.

Parents, while we are at home with our children, we should embrace this time and discuss the dangers of drug use. Nearly 60 percent of youth who misuse prescription painkillers get them through friends or relatives.

It is extremely important, now more than ever, that we properly secure any current prescription opioids out of the reach of children, and while National Drug Take Back Day was postponed due to COVID-19, there are still take-back locations operating 24/7 to dispose of unused or expired opioids—ensuring that they stay out of the hands of children.

For a map of locations, resources about how to talk with your children, information on opioid addiction and more, please visit our one-stop statewide resource, [DoseofRealityFL.com](https://www.doseofreality.com).

Talk to your kids and take steps to ensure no one in your family has access to prescription opioids they weren't prescribed. These simple, but important steps, could save your child from a lifetime of addiction. It may even save their life.

Stay safe, Florida.



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