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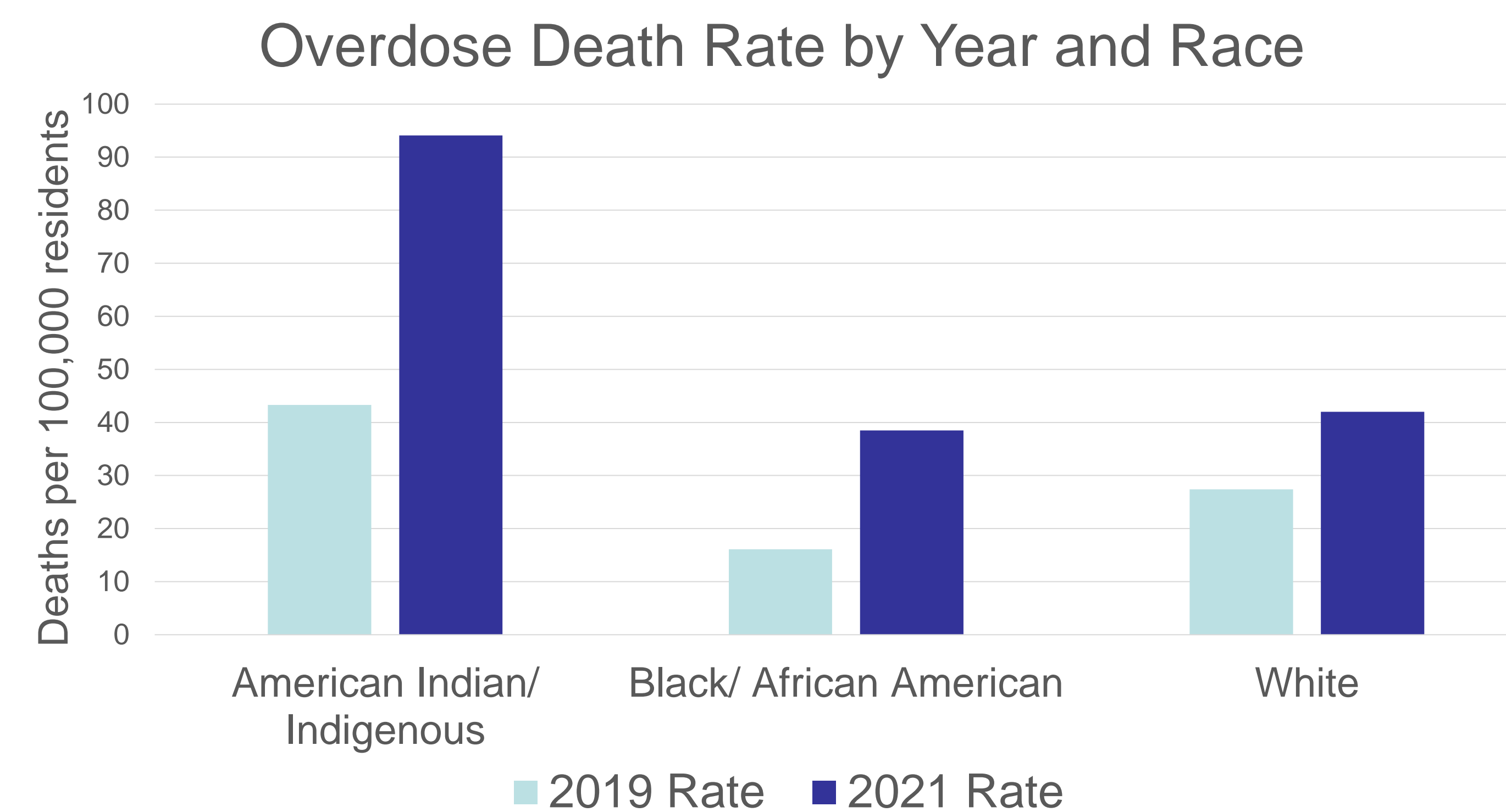
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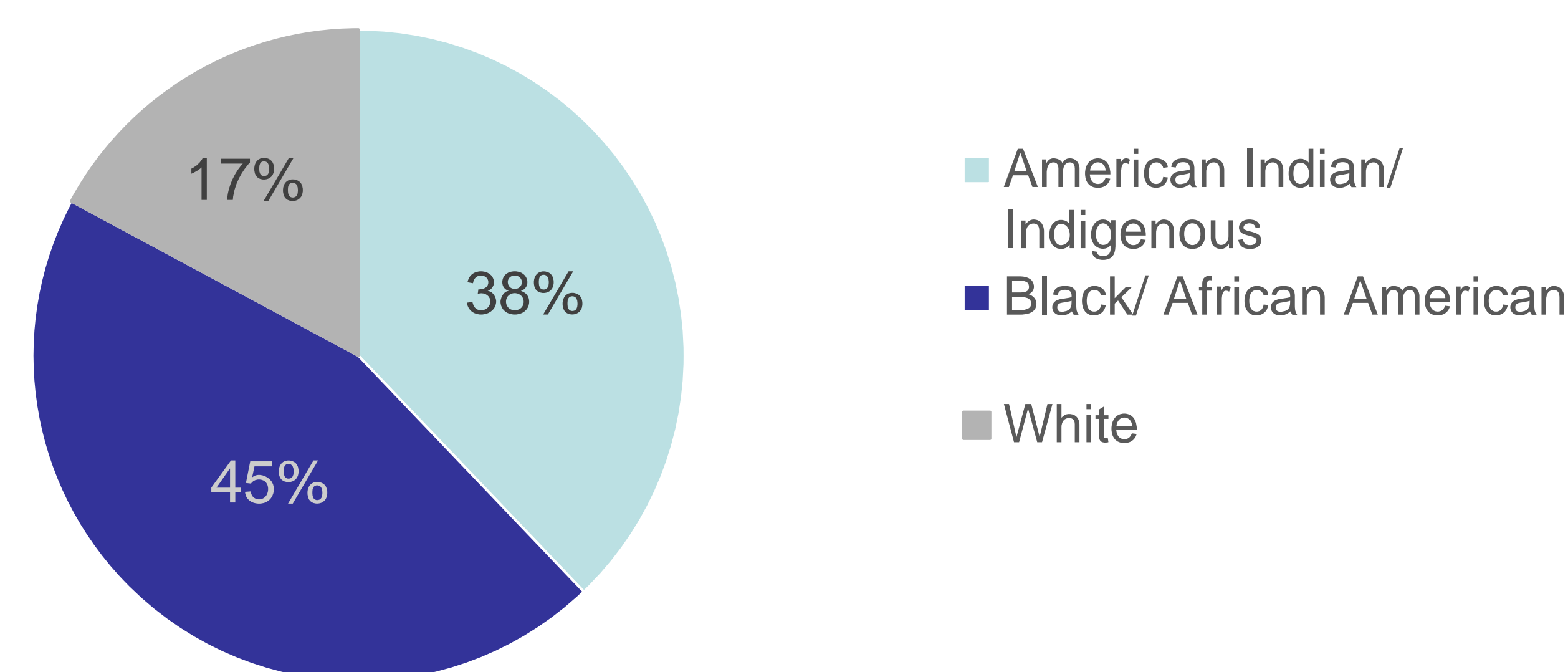
- eKim for Change is a harm reduction site
- Goal: to reduce the number of overdoses, HIV, & Hepatitis C in our community.
- What do they provide? Sterile syringes, naloxone, sharps containers, alcohol wipes, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, etc.
- Free lunch to the public, hygiene supplies, gas gift cards, Hepatitis C and HIV testing, and referrals to treatment centers in Pitt County.
- eKim for Change is open on Saturdays in Uptown from 1 pm to 4 pm.

So What?

- The number of overdoses are continuing to rise all over the country
- In North Carolina alone in 2020, there was more than a 40% increase in the total number of overdoses recorded than in 2019.¹
- Overdoses are impacting historically marginalized communities at much higher rates due to lack of availability to harm reduction supplies, naloxone, and access to healthcare.²

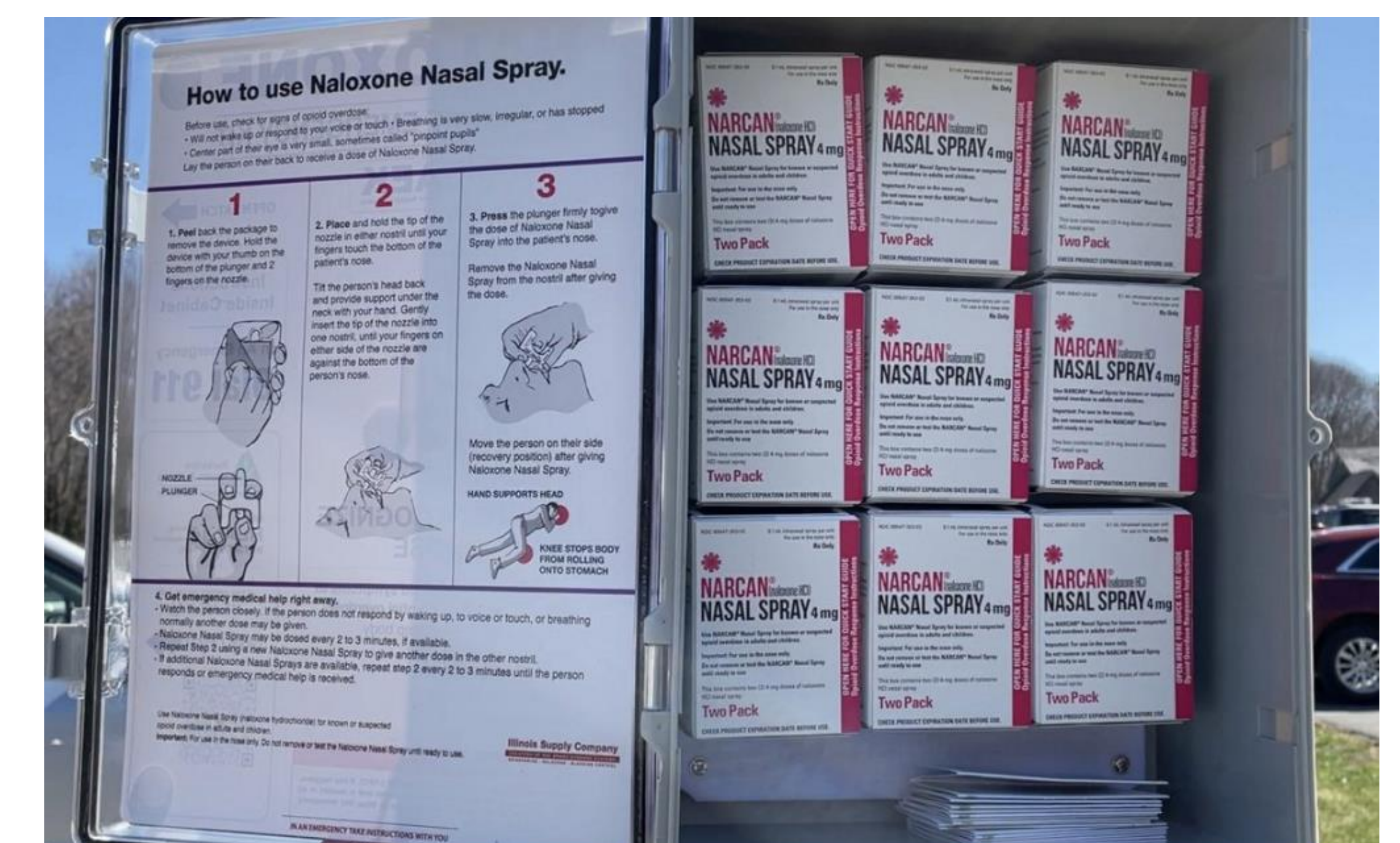


Percentage Increase between 2019 and 2021



Now What?

- The Pitt County Sheriff Department is putting a map together that shows the hotspots of where overdoses are in our community.
- Instructions will be posted on the inside of the box along with easy-to-read handouts for people to take.
- We are still researching the best kind of boxes to put the naloxone in to sustain against weather elements.
- We will then strategically place naloxone boxes with the injectable and nasal naloxone in the high overdose areas to be more readily available to the areas with the most need.



References

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