

ODMAP

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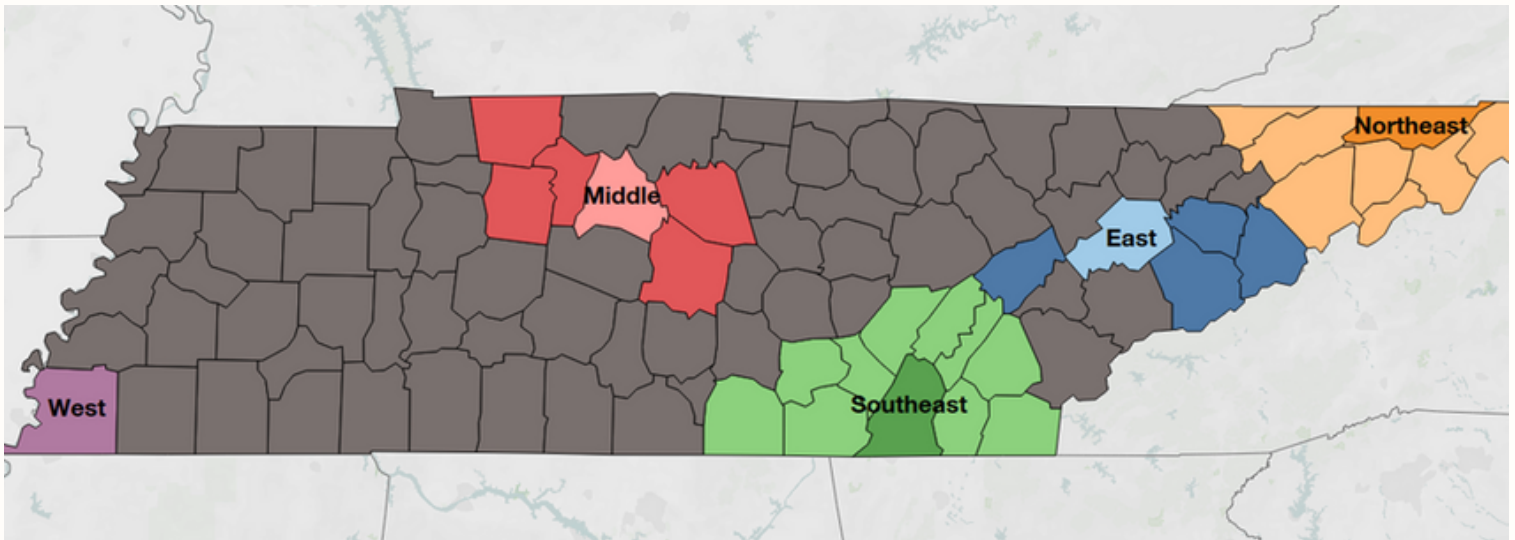
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BACKGROUND

In 2019, the Overdose Response Coordination Office (ORCO) at the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) launched the High Impact Area (HIA) program to address the increasing burden of fatal and nonfatal overdoses. The HIA program covers 31 counties across five regions in Tennessee (below).



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In addition to other projects and strategies implemented by the HIA program, the Overdose Monitoring and Response (OMAR) project tasks public health staff in these regions to focus on leveraging available data, multi-sector partnerships, and resources to identify and mitigate overdose activity. Part of the OMAR project includes developing and implementing a local monitoring and response plan. As of September 2023, ODMAP is currently active in eight counties in Tennessee including four metro areas (Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville, and Kingsport/Bristol).



In nearby counties where ODMAP is available, HIA staff include the application as part of their response plans and routinely monitor activity. Additionally, ORCO and HIA staff have created 24-hour, county-level spike alerts that enable timely notification of overdose activity. As such, ODMAP alerts are the initial trigger for HIA staff to activate the local response plan, investigate ODMAP incidents in tandem with other available data/information streams, and develop data-driven community interventions when appropriate.

ODMAP INTEGRATION

TDH utilizes ODMAP for routine monitoring of overdose activity occurring in the community, as well as supplements activity and trends observed at local emergency departments. All available data and information sources are leveraged by HIA staff and community partners to inform timely and data-driven prevention and response efforts in the community including public messaging and naloxone distribution. As more counties utilize ODMAP, HIA staff will aim to monitor activity and establish spike alerts across regions by utilizing the custom spike alert feature.

WHO IS INVOLVED

TDH has partnerships at a local level that may vary, but typically comprise state and local public health, public safety, medical examiner, treatment/recovery, healthcare, and other community agencies. Once notable overdose activity is detected and a response might be warranted, HIA staff work with these stakeholders to gather more information and determine the next steps.

TDH and their HIA staff are always looking for new partners throughout the state.