

# SAPC Medical Director Updates



Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)

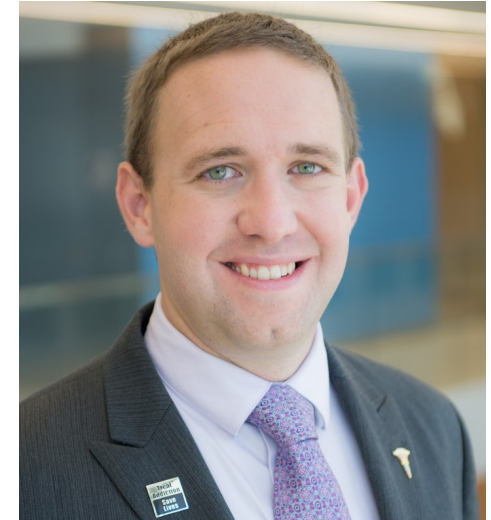
# Outline

- **Transition of SAPC Clinical Leadership**
  - SAPC Medical Director
  - Associate Medical Director of Prevention
- **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response**
- **SAPC Harm Reduction Expansion**
- **CDC Health Advisory: Cannabis Products Containing Delta-8 THC**

# Transition in SAPC Clinical Leadership

- **SAPC Medical Director**

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- **Associate Medical Director  
of Prevention Services**

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## COVID-19 Requirements: Schools

- Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: emphasizing vaccination as first line of prevention and urging policies that normalize, promote, and facilitate vaccination for all eligible persons.
- Indoor masking requirement for anyone entering school buildings or transports – narrow exceptions if medical reasons for why someone cannot use or tolerate a face mask.
- Unmasked staff are required, and unmasked students are recommended, to be tested for COVID-19 at least twice weekly.
- Symptom Screening: Individuals should not come to school if they are sick or under isolation or quarantine orders.
- Physical distancing strategies are still recommended as long as they do not interfere with full-time attendance for all students

# CDC Health Advisory: Increases in Availability of Cannabis Products Containing Delta-8 THC and Reported Cases of Adverse Events

- Increased availability of cannabis products containing delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol ( $\Delta 8$ -THC) lead to adverse events consistent with cannabis intoxication
- Symptoms of  $\Delta 8$ -THC intoxication:
  - Lethargy
  - Uncoordinated movements and decreased psychomotor activity
  - Slurred speech
  - Increased heart rate progressing to slowed heart rate
  - Low blood pressure
  - Difficulty breathing
  - Sedation
  - Coma

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/han00451.asp>

# Discussion / Q&A



**“The opposite of addiction is not sobriety; the opposite of addiction is **connection.**”**

*- Johann Hari*