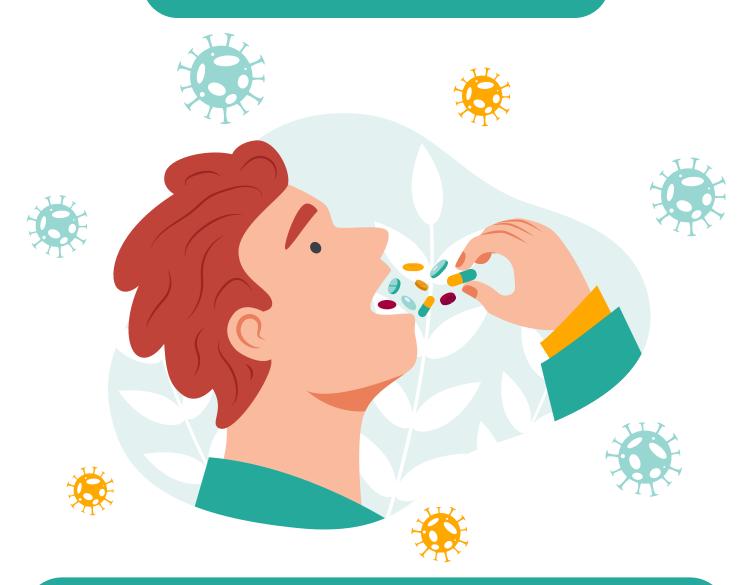
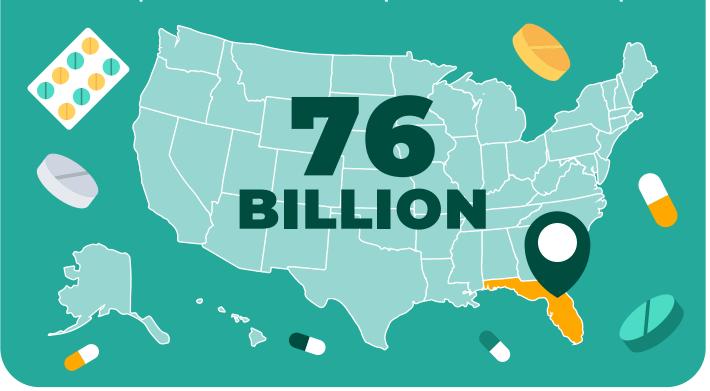
IS COVID-19 FUELING THE NEXT OPIOID EPIDEMIC?

The Data Says Yes.



Between 2006-2012, 76 billion opioid pills flooded the country. Florida in particular became a focal point as the crisis developed.



OPIOID USAGE RISING FAST DURING PANDEMIC

We surveyed 785 Florida residents about their substance use pre-COVID compared to now.



SEEKING TREATMENT

Approximately 71% said they are or would consider treatment compared to just 43% of those who report using other drugs.





Unfortunately, opioid users were **41%** more likely to report access to health care has been difficult because of the pandemic



34% more likely to report challenges accessing mental health in the early days of the pandemic than other respondents.

HOW THE PANDEMIC INFLUENCED OPIOID USE



The reasons why they used substances.



189%

more likely to report being physically dependent



117%

more likely to say treating pain



77%

more likely to report mental health symptoms like depression and anxiety



49%

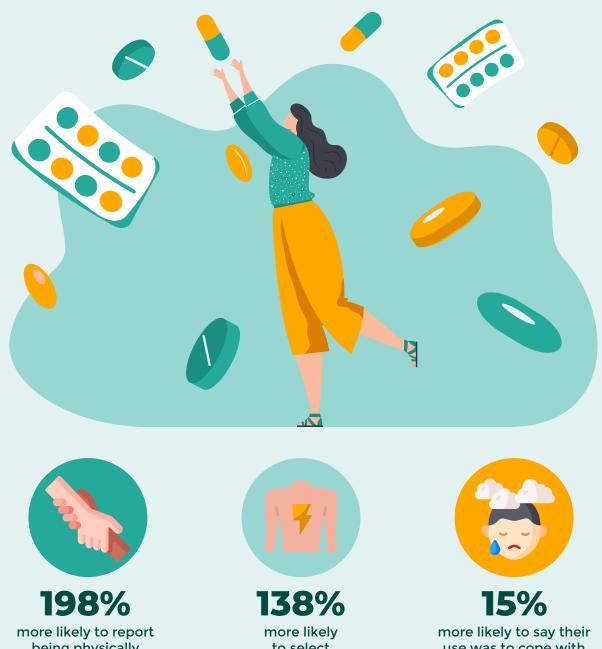
more likely to report boredom



18%

more likely to report stress

BIGGEST REASON THEY USED A SUBSTANCE



being physically dependent

to select treating pain

use was to cope with mental health symptoms

EXPERIENCING COMMON MENTAL HEALTH SYMPTOMS



88% reported anxiety/nervousness

making them **17%** more likely to do so

78% reported depression/loneliness

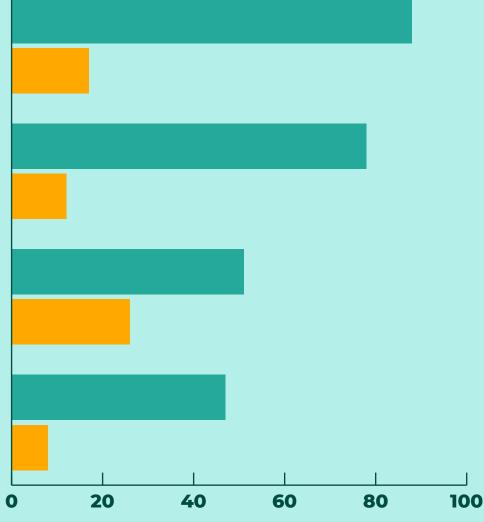
making them **12%** more likely to do so

51% reported anger/agitation

making them **26%** more likely to do so

47% reported sleep issues

making them **8%** more likely to do so



CONNECTING FLORIDIANS WITH THE HELP THEY NEED

Opioid addiction is a leading contributor to overdose deaths.

In 2018, there were **67,367 fatal overdoses.**

69.5%

Opioids were responsible for **69.5% of them.**

The Recovery Village® operates adult drug and alcohol rehab centers in Umatilla, Orlando, Lake Worth, Atlantis and Miami, in partnership with Baptist Health South Florida as well as a specialty facility designed for teen drug and alcohol rehab in Sebring.

