

THE FINAL FIX

FIRSTHAND QUOTES AFTER COVID-19

- **“For the 16 million people globally and 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from opioid use disorder (OUD), COVID-19 brings a slew of issues: lack of face-to-face counseling services, methadone clinic shutdown and increased mortality risk from coronavirus from underlying respiratory damage.”**

Alexandra Sternlicht, Forbes Magazine

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alexandrasternlicht/2020/04/05/the-opioid-epidemic-meets-the-coronavirus-pandemic-with-potentially-deadly-results/#446a337615bd>

- **“The Coronavirus pandemic may fuel the next wave of the opioid crisis.”**

Lois Parshley, National Geographic

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/04/coronavirus-pandemic-may-fuel-the-next-wave-of-the-opioid-crisis/>

- **“The pandemic itself is driving people to use more drugs (and) to be more reckless in their use of drugs”**

Dr. Daniel Kalla, Head of Emergency Medicine, St. Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver, quoted in CTVNews <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/b-c-emergency-doctor-worries-of-possible-rise-in-opioid-deaths-due-to-covid-19-1.4907932?cache=%3FclipId%3D89530>

- **“Job loss, anxiety, isolation: Coronavirus is a prescription for more opioid use.”**

Mary Bono, USA Today

<https://eu.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/04/16/coronavirus-threatens-progress-against-opioid-addiction-column/2982966001/>

- **“Before the first COVID-19 case in the United States, a different epidemic ... the opioid crisis ...was taking the lives of 130 Americans per day.”**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. America's drug overdose epidemic: data to action. Accessed at www.cdc.gov/injury/features/prescription-drug-overdose/index.html