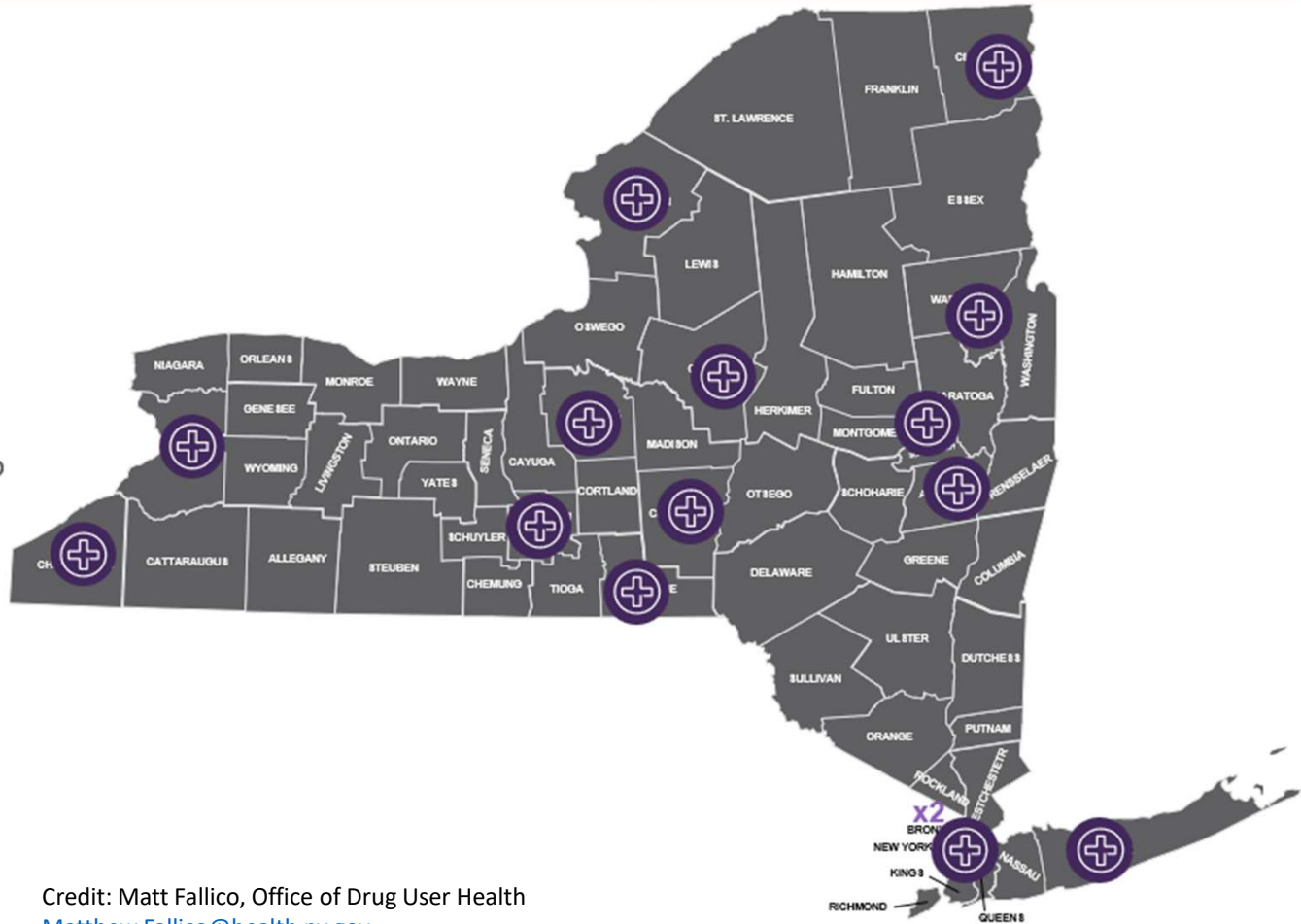


Drug Checking for Public Health: Lessons from Practitioners

The New York State Department of Health oversees eight (8) community-based drug checking programs operating in fifteen (15) unique locations across New York.



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Development, Evaluation, and Initial Findings of New York State Department of Health Community Drug Checking Pilot Programs

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Abstract

Context: The illicit drug landscape in the United States is dynamic, featuring a risky and erratic drug supply. Drug checking programs (DCP) have been successfully implemented and studied extensively in Canada and Europe but are scarce in the United States. Integrating DCP at harm reduction programs provides an opportunity to engage people at the point-of-care and deliver a combination of harm reduction services, access to healthcare services, and linkages to treatment.

Program: The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) developed and supports operation of 8 pilot community DCP sites throughout the state. The DCP were trained to utilize Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) technology to deliver real-time results to participants.

Implementation: The NYSDOH community DCP pilot began development in 2022. Partnerships were formed across multiple domains including other DCP, universities, forensic laboratories, syringe service and harm reduction programs, and legal and regulatory offices within the NYSDOH. The first pilot sites began operating in mid-2023 and program expansion is on-going.

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