During quarantine teens are more likely to misuse prescription drugs.

Prescription drugs are the most commonly misused substances by teens after marijuana and alcohol. When teens misuse prescription drugs and take them in different amounts or for reasons other than as they are prescribed, they affect the brain and body in ways very similar to illicit drugs.

Many teens obtain prescription drugs from their family or friends. Teens find prescription drugs and OTC (over the counter) drugs in their home medicine cabinet or on the kitchen shelf. Many teens obtain prescription drugs from their family or friends. Since prescription drugs are widely available in the home, teens often do not have to go far to find ways to get high. Other teens turn to the internet and social media for prescription drugs; the internet also plays a big role in providing information and advice to teens.