

DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION NEWSCAST



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**Here are your weekly opioid epidemic updates
from the Indiana State Department of Health:**

Pharmaceutical Company Faces Federal Crime Charges

For the first time in U.S. history, federal authorities are bringing drug-trafficking charges against a major pharmaceutical distributor, Rochester Drug Cooperative, and two of its former executives. Rochester Drug Cooperative is accused of selling oxycodone pills and fentanyl products to pharmacies that were distributing drugs illegally. The company was ultimately “charged with conspiring to distribute drugs, conspiracy to defraud the United States and failing to file suspicious order reports.” One executive has pleaded guilty and is working with prosecutors. The other pleaded not guilty and, if convicted,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SBIRT Training

Various dates and locations
ISDH, in partnership with
Prevention Insights, is hosting

faces a mandatory 10-year minimum sentence and a maximum of life in prison.

DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Many communities throughout Indiana participated April 27 in National Drug Take Back Day. For those who missed the event, they can still dispose of their medications at year-round facilities. These facilities can be found on the Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations page produced by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Diversion Control Division. Individuals can simply type in their ZIP code or city and find facilities participating in the area.

Indiana State Medical Association Launches New Prescribing App

The Indiana State Medical Association last week launched a free mobile app that gives controlled-substance prescribers quick, convenient access to opioid-related education. The app, called "ISMA Online," will enable physicians to work toward fulfilling continuing medical education (CME) requirements easily through video courses, archived webinars and a podcast series. The app delivers content and allows the learner to answer self-assessment questions. When a question is answered incorrectly, learners will be directed to resources to see what they missed and why. The app will give users feedback in the form of their scores, progress in completing the courses and how they are performing compared with their peers.

Indiana Youth Summit Addresses Substance Misuse Prevention

Earlier this month, numerous students went to the Indiana Statehouse to attend the Substance Abuse Prevention Summit. This event was a part of a larger youth-based prevention program led by the Indiana Attorney General's Office, Walmart, and North Central Health Services. As a part of the program, the students worked their way through an online prevention course, the Drug Safety Digital Course. The course covered how to make healthy prescription drug decisions using real-life examples. The program began last year, and 19 Indiana schools participated.

Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) sessions at three locations this year. Follow the link below to register at the location of your choice.

[Howard County](#)
[Wayne County](#)
[Scott County](#)

Resilience Training

Various dates and locations

Multiple Indiana government agencies are coming together to host regional screenings of the documentary *Resilience*, a film detailing "the biology of stress and the science of hope." There will be eight screenings in different communities across the state. The event is free and will be followed by a facilitated panel discussion. To find out more about the event, please read [this flyer](#).

ACEs Webinar

May 2, 2:00pm

The Bureau of Justice Assistance leadership in collaboration with the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program team is hosting a free webinar highlighting Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). This webinar will cover the correlation between ACEs, toxic stress and trauma, as well as helpful strategies that can be used to mitigate the negative effects of ACEs.

Please email Katie Hokanson at khokanson@isdh.in.gov to suggest future news items for us to feature.

Thank you,

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