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THE INDIANA PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AGENCY AND THE BOARD OF PHARMACY PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Indianapolis, IN –On Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, in collaboration with local law enforcement and community partners, will participate in the 15th annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

The IPLA and its partners are sponsoring seven drop-off locations this year. At each location, IPLA employees as well as law enforcement partners and community health providers, will be volunteering their time and resources, so Hoosiers can conveniently, safely, and anonymously dispose of potentially dangerous and unwanted medications.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows year after year that the majority of misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including someone else's medication being stolen from the home medicine cabinet.

The Board of Pharmacy and IPLA have supported the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day since its inception through the Drug Enforcement Agency in 2010. Last year, Hoosiers donated a record number of unused medications to the IPLA-sponsored locations. Fall and spring events resulted in a total of 1,421 lbs. of prescription drugs for disposal in 2017. Even more is expected to be collected this year, as public awareness of common sources and consequences of prescription drug addiction increases.

Governor Eric J. Holcomb made attacking the drug epidemic one of the five pillars of his Next Level agenda. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is an important piece of this comprehensive approach to prevention, treatment and enforcement.

"In the past two years alone, IPLA and its partners have collected over 2,200 lbs. of unused medications," said IPLA Executive Director Deborah Frye. "Our compliance team along with local law enforcement officials have given time and effort to staff this important event year after year. We look forward to seeing Hoosiers participate in this event as we raise awareness for the safe disposal of unused medications."

Below are the designated drop-off locations sponsored by IPLA, the Board of Pharmacy, along with community healthcare and law enforcement partners:

Saturday, April 28th, 2018

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Walmart

3221 West 86th street
Indianapolis, IN 46268

CVS Pharmacy #6658

620 East State Street
Pendleton, IN 46064

Community Hospital of Indiana, Inc

7150 Clearvista Pkwy
Indianapolis, IN 46256

Community South Hospital

1402 East County Line Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Parkview Whitley Hospital

1260 East State Route 205
Columbia City, IN 46725
(Drop-off will be located in hospital parking lot)

Sam's Club

1101 Windhorst Way
Greenwood, IN 46143

*IU Northwest – IU Campus Police

3400 Broadway
Gary, IN 46408



(From IPLA 2014 National Drug Take Back Day)

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