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

Indianapolis, IN – Hoosiers across the state can clean out their medicine cabinets this October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to safely dispose of old and expired medications.

The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, along with local law enforcement and community partners will participate in the annual Prescription Drug Take-Back Day coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). This year, IPLA will sponsor six locations around the state to collect unwanted and unused drugs for appropriate removal. During the last Drug Take-Back Day, the IPLA and its partners collected over 486 lbs. of unused or expired medication.

By safely disposing of old or unused medications, Hoosiers can lower the amount of medicine theft, prescription drug abuse, overdose, and identity theft in the state.

“Each year the Board of pharmacy and the IPLA participate in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day to advocate for the health of Indiana,” said Deborah Frye, IPLA’s Executive Director. “Our yearly participation with local law enforcement, community partners, and the Drug Enforcement Administration is a valuable collaboration. Our efforts seek to serve the community in promoting the safe disposal of expire medicines, that could otherwise be harmful to the environment and human health.”

As the opioid crisis continues to affect Hoosiers statewide, the need for safe, convenient, and responsible disposal of unused or expired medications is higher than ever. Controlled substances serve as pain relief for a large number of patients across Indiana, but these drugs may lead to overdoses, specifically from opioids. The Prescription Drug Take-Back Day encourages patients to dispose of their old medicines for their safety and the safety of those around them.

Governor Eric Holcomb is committed to fighting the opioid epidemic, and Hoosiers can help in this endeavor by properly disposing old medications to prevent the abuse of unused or expired medications. In a shared effort, together we can combat the number of drug-overdoses in Indiana.

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

**CVS Pharmacy #6658**

620 East State Street

Pendleton, IN 46064

Law Enforcement: Pendleton Police Department

**North Vernon Fire Dept.**

2000 North Madison Avenue

North Vernon, IN 47265

Law Enforcement: Jennings County Sheriff Department

**Community Hospital North**

7150 Clearvista Pkwy

Indianapolis, IN 46256

Law Enforcement: Community Hospital Police/Security

**Parkview Whitley Hospital**

1260 East State Route 205

Columbia City, IN 46725

(Drop-off will be located in hospital parking lot)

Law Enforcement: Whitley County Sheriff Department

**Sam's Club**

1101 Windhorst Way

Greenwood, IN 46143

Law Enforcement: Johnson County Sheriff's Department

**Community Surgery Center Pharmacy**

801 Macarthur Blvd

Munster, IN 46321

Law Enforcement: Community Security Department



(From IPLA 2014 National Drug Take-Back Day)

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