



HC DrugFree: Keeping Howard County *in the KNOW!*  
...knowledge is power, so just say KNOW



## Celebrating HC DrugFree's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month



### Bringing H.O.P.E Trailer to Howard County for YOU to tour!

Parents/Guardians, come see where your teen or loved one may be hiding drugs in plain site...and at the same time, conveniently dispose of unwanted/expired medication and sharps.

At HC DrugFree's drive-thru medication and sharps collection site, parents/guardians and other adults are encouraged to tour a trailer set up to simulate a young person's bedroom and bathroom. See some of the places drugs may be hidden in plain sight and learn other potential signs of drug use.

This "2-for-1" event will be held in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near the Swim Center on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain or shine).

Please click on the flier for a printable copy, or go to our [website](#) to access all the links and fliers.

The medication will be guarded and transported by the **Howard County Police** and the **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**.

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### Hidden in Plain Sight

Adults are invited to tour a trailer set up to simulate a young person's bedroom and bathroom. See places drugs are **hidden in plain sight** and learn other signs of drug use.



**Saturday, April 30**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot (near the Swim Center)  
5305 Village Center Drive in Columbia

*Same time, same location...*



#### Drive-thru Medication & Sharps Collection

Bring unwanted and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications, needles, syringes, EpiPens, patches, and vapes. Don't be your family's drug dealer.

#### Students, Adults, & Medically-Trained Adults Are Needed!

Volunteer today

Community Service Hours Available

Go to [www.hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day-1/](http://www.hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day-1/)  
or contact HC DrugFree's Executive Director,  
Joan Webb Scornaienchi at [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org)



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## In the KNOW... About Medication Misuse



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**In the KNOW...** About the dangers of prescription and over-the-counter medication misuse:

Did you know that many teens report that their drug use began with pills they found at home in the medicine cabinet?

Don't be your family's drug dealer. Clean out your medicine cabinets and bring your unwanted and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications, needles, syringes, Epi-pens, patches, and vapes to HC DrugFree's Drive-Thru Medication and Sharps Collection.



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!



Many volunteers are needed to make the Take Back Event happen, and there are a variety of ways you can help!

**Adults with medical training** (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, EMTs, etc.) are needed to help sort the medications and sharps.

**Adults without medical training** can help with other tasks needed, such as holding signs to direct traffic through the village center. We are also looking for **photographers** and anyone who may be interested in **handling social media** during the event.

**Students** can receive community service hours if all paperwork is properly completed before the event.

**Tables** are also needed. If you have folding tables you can loan, please email [admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:admin@hcdrugfree.org) to let us know. We ask that tables be delivered by 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 30 and picked up sharply at 2 p.m. Please make sure to put your name and phone number on the underside of the table so that we can return tables to their owners.

Adults with and without medical training register [here](#). Please make a note if you are interested in photographing the event or handling social media. Register students [here](#).

For more information, go to our [website](#) or email HC DrugFree's Executive Director, Joan Webb Scornaienchi at [admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:admin@hcdrugfree.org).

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## What Can I Do with Leftover Epi-Pens?

Ever wondered what you can do to safely dispose of those old Epi-Pens? How about those used or new needles and syringes for insulin injections or other medical needs?

HC DrugFree accepts all kinds of sharps, including needles, syringes, and Epi-Pens at our convenient drive-thru Drug Take Back event. Bring them to the

Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot on Saturday, April 30 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., along with any unwanted medications or vape products.



Bring your used sharps (Epi-Pens, Syringes, Needles, etc.) and leftover meds to our Free Drive-Thru Drug Take Back Event

Safely dispose of:

- Prescription medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- Sharps (syringes, needles, Epi-Pens, etc.)
- Vitamins
- Pet medication
- Vape devices (with batteries removed)
- Inhalers
- and more!

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**Medication & Sharps Disposal**

Saturday, April 30 2022, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wilde Lake Village Center

[www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org)

## DEA Making Our Community Safer

Information from recent Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) press release:

*DEA is making communities safer and healthier by helping the public safely dispose of unneeded controlled substances to reduce opioid addiction*

WASHINGTON, DC – The Drug Enforcement Administration will host its 22<sup>nd</sup> National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Disposing of unneeded medications can help prevent drugs from being misused,” said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. “Overdose deaths continue to hit tragic record highs. I encourage everyone to dispose of unneeded prescription medications now.”

Drug overdose deaths are up 16 percent in the last year, claiming more than 290 lives every day. According to a report published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, **a majority of people who misused a prescription medication obtained the medicine from a family member or friend.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in the United States, more than 106,000 people died as the result of a drug overdose in the 12-month period ending November 2021, marking the most drug-related deaths ever recorded, with opioid-related deaths accounting for 75 percent of all overdose deaths.





Don't know what to do with your  
leftover meds?

We can help.

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## Teens Welcome to Volunteer! TAC Event and Meeting Info



Three out of four people using heroin began with the use of prescription medication

**Drug Take Back Day**  
in Howard County  
Saturday, April 30  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dispose of unwanted or expired medications & sharps (needles, syringes & EpiPens) at HC DrugFree's convenient drive-thru collection

**Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot**  
5305 Village Center Drive, Columbia, near The UPS Store

For details, go to [www.HCDrugFree.org](http://www.HCDrugFree.org)  
Adults volunteer at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Adults4-30-22](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Adults4-30-22)  
Youth volunteer at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Youth4-30-22](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Youth4-30-22)

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Message provided by HC DrugFree & the Howard County Police with funding from Howard County Health Department, MDH & SAMHSA

Instead of an April Teen Advisory Council (TAC) meeting, teens (and their friends and families) are encouraged to volunteer at our Saturday, April 30 Medication and Sharps drive-thru collection to be held in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community service hours available to students only if all forms are properly completed. Volunteers are needed from 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Click on the flier to download or print.

**Volunteer today!**

Teens, please "Save the Date" for May's TAC Meeting - May 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on

Zoom.

## Life Skills Registration Update

Due to an overwhelming response, we are temporarily closing registration for the Life Skills Classes for Spring Series 2 (May 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 & June 2 from 4:30-6pm via Zoom). If you would like to add your child to the waitlist, please complete this [form](#). If you would like to be informed of when the dates for the next series are announced, keeping checking this newsletter or complete [this form](#) to be added to our interest list.

**Get Friends Connected to HC DrugFree**

Do you want your friends to learn about HC DrugFree's many free events? Friends keep friends informed! This newsletter and social media remain the best ways for us to share vital information. Please Like & Share our content on social media or forward this newsletter to a friend to help us with our mission of keeping Howard County safe and informed. Invite a friend to [subscribe to our newsletter](#). You can also view previous newsletters in the [Newsletter Archive](#) on our website.

## We Need Your Donations



Are you a [Friend of HC DrugFree](#)? Have you made a donation this year? We depend upon the generosity of individuals, organizations, and businesses to support our free services. Please make a gift of any size today.

Would you or your PTA/PTSA, religious group, civic group, or business like to become a [Sponsor of HC DrugFree](#) by donating \$500 or more per year? Monthly payments are welcome. Thank you for your support.

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