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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Coming Up on April 27

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO – On Saturday, April 27th, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and community partners all over Health District 5 to host a local Drug Take Back Day collection event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the following locations:

- **Twin Falls: Fred Meyer Parking Lot (705 Blue Lakes Blvd N)**

Community Partners: Treatment and Recovery Center (TARC) and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office

- **Twin Falls: Blue Cross of Idaho (428 Cheney Dr W)**

Community Partners: Blue Cross of Idaho and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office

- **Gooding: Ridley's Family Market (1427 Main St)**

Community Partners: The Walker Center and the Gooding County Sheriff's Office

- **Jerome: Walmart Parking Lot (2680 S Lincoln Ave)**

Community Partners: The Jerome County Sheriff's Office

- **Hailey: Albertsons Parking Lot (911 N Main St)**

Community Partners: Men's Second Chance Living and the Hailey Police Department

- **Heyburn: Heyburn Police Department (1800 J St)**

Community Partners: The Heyburn Police Department and the Community Coalitions of Idaho

- **Shoshone: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (115 W A St)**

Community Partners: The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office



In 2022, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health found more than 49 thousand Idahoans, ages 12 and older, reported misusing prescription drugs in the last year. When left in a medicine cabinet, thrown away or flushed, unused prescriptions can be dangerous to people, animals, or the environment. Overdoses in Idaho are at an all-time high. Drug disposal is one of the most effective ways to prevent potential prescription misuse and/or overdose. Health Education Specialist Eli Thompson states, “Disposing of unused medications only takes a few minutes and can literally save someone’s life in the long term.”

All prescription drugs will be accepted, as well as over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and veterinary medications. Take Back drop-off locations will also accept vape pens, cartridges, or other e-cigarette devices (without the batteries in the device). **Needles will not be accepted.**

Help keep our community safe and healthy by dropping off your old medication on Saturday, April 27th.

If you miss your local Take Back Day and need to dispose of prescription medications, find year-round drop off locations online at: odp.idaho.gov/prescription-drug-take-back-program

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