



# Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



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## PRESS RELEASE FOR LOCAL MEDIA

**To: Local Media Outlets**  
**From: Central Michigan District Health Department**  
**RE: CMDHD Promoting National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**  
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### **CMDHD is Promoting National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 27**

Join us at the Medication Take Back event in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday, April 4 from 1:00-4:00pm.

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is promoting National Prescription Drug Take Back Day: April 27, 2024. The [Isabella Substance Awareness Coalition](#) (ISAC) and CMDHD are hosting a **Medication Take Back event on Thursday, April 4, from 1:00-4:00pm**. ISAC will be collecting unused, unwanted medications in CMDHD's Mt. Pleasant office lobby.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day was established by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of expired and/or unused prescription drugs. The previous National Take Back Day in October 2023 resulted in Americans turning in 300 tons of prescription drugs at 4,675 collection sites.

"Medicines that sit unused in cabinets are prone to theft and misuse," said Connie Lance, CMDHD Community Health Supervisor. "Substance use disorder rates in the United States are very high, as are the numbers of accidental poisonings and overdoses."

For those unable to attend this event, medication collection locations are available all year. Visit [DEA's year-round collection site locator](#) to find your local spot. The Federal Drug Administration provides additional information on how to properly dispose of prescription drugs: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines>. To learn more about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the Take Back Day event, go to [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com).

CMDHD offers harm reduction services through Exchange Central, our syringe service program. Exchange Central works to reduce the damage of substance use. Syringe service programs are designed to help decrease the spread of infectious diseases through risky practices like sharing needles. Through Exchange Central, people have access to clean equipment, Narcan, sharps containers, and free HIV and hepatitis C testing. Narcan training

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is available. Syringe service programs are legal, and all clients are protected against all paraphernalia laws. Visit our website at <https://www.cmdhd.org/exchange-central> if you would like more information.

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