

DHD#10 PROMOTES NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY EVENT IN MASON COUNTY

Remove the Risk from Your Home

April 8, 2022 – The United States is currently experiencing an epidemic of prescription drug misuse and abuse. Opioid deaths in Michigan have almost tripled in five years. To help turn the tide on this epidemic, the Leeward Initiative coalition is partnering with the Michigan Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network (Michigan OPEN), as well as Michigan State Police, the Mason County Sheriff's Office, West Michigan Community Mental Health, Ludington and Scottville Police Departments, and Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital to host a Take-Back Event where the public can drive through and dispose of any unwanted medication or sharps (needles).

WHAT: Drive-through Medication and Sharps Disposal

WHEN: Saturday, April 30th from 9am-12pm

WHERE: Mason County Fairgrounds, 5302 US-10, MI 49431

Did you know?

- Every 10 minutes a child visits the emergency room for medication poisoning
- 12.5 million people ages 12 and older misused opioids in the last year
- 3 in 5 teens say prescription pain medication is easy to get from their parents' medicine cabinet

Community opioid and medication take-back events provide a safe process for disposing of unused medications while protecting our communities, children, and environment. Please remove the risk from your home and bring your unused and expired medications and sharps to the Leeward Initiative's medication take-back event

You can find more details about the event on Facebook by searching for "Medication Disposal 'Take Back' Event" or through the Leeward Initiative's Facebook page and events. We ask if you plan on dropping off sharps, please try to have them secured in a plastic container (examples: kitty litter container, sharps disposal box, laundry soap container, gallon jug, etc.)

If you have questions about this event, please contact Grace Richardson at grichardson@dhd10.org, or (231) 316-8583.

For more information, or to find other take back event locations throughout Michigan, please visit: <https://michigan-open.org/>.

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