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Local Drug Take Back Effort Led By Horizon Behavioral Health and Local Law Enforcement

Lynchburg, VA – On Saturday, April 30th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, Horizon and local law enforcement will be present at 8 locations throughout Central Virginia for residents to dispose of expired, unwanted, or unused medications paired with valuable resources to safeguard our communities from the risks of intentional or unintentional overdose. Disposing of medications regularly and properly reduces the chances of them falling into the wrong hands and is an important strategy to keep your home safe.

Fatal prescription (Rx) opioid overdoses continue to be the leading category of drugs causing or contributing to death in Virginia with 497 fatalities reported in 2020 according to the Virginia Department of Health. This year, Horizon Behavioral Health is teaming up with Altavista Police Department, Amherst County Sheriff's Office, Appomattox Sheriff's Office, Bedford Police Department, Bedford Sheriff's Office, Lynchburg Police Department, and Lynchburg Sheriff's Office on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day to reduce barriers in safe medication disposal, a crucial public safety and public health issue. Rapid REVIVE Trainings will also be offered at each location for individuals interested in receiving free Narcan and becoming trained in opioid overdose emergency response.

Lynchburg Locations:

- Horizon Behavioral Health, 2215 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg VA 24501
- Kroger, 2012 Wards Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502
- Kroger, 4119 Boonsboro Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502

Altavista Location:

- Altavista Area YMCA : [718 7th St, Altavista, VA 24517](#)

Amherst Location:

- Amelon Hometown Pharmacy, 196 Amelon Square Shopping Center, Amherst VA 24572

Appomattox Location:

- The Farmers Bank of Appomattox, 169 Old Courthouse Road, Appomattox VA 24522

Bedford Locations:

- Tractor Supply Co, 1128 E Lynchburg Salem TPKE, Bedford VA, 24523
- Jefferson Forest High School, 1 Cavalier Cir, Forest, VA 24551