

Professional Licensing Agency
402 West Washington Street
Room W072
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204



Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana
Lindsay M. Hyer
Executive Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Media Contact:

Emily Cox, Assistant Director of Communications
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
communications@pla.in.gov



**Saturday,
April 26
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
DEATakeBack.com**



**Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Teams with
the Drug Enforcement Administration and Local Partners for
National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 26, 2025**

STATEWIDE – On Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Hoosiers will have another opportunity to drop off unneeded and expired medications during the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy are proud to partner with the DEA in this effort and will sponsor five (5) collection site locations across the state of Indiana. IPLA staff, along with local law enforcement partners, will be present at each of these sponsored collection site locations to help collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

For more than a decade, the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day has provided Americans with a free, safe, and convenient opportunity to clean out their medicine cabinets of unneeded medications and take an active part in preventing potential drug abuse and misuse in their communities. Take Back Day also helps ensure that medications will be disposed of in the safest and most responsible way, as alternative methods of disposal, such as throwing away or flushing, pose potential health and environmental hazards. Since its inception, Take Back Day has removed 9,600 tons of medication from circulation.

Below are the designated collection site locations which will be sponsored by the IPLA and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy along with local law enforcement partners. The DEA and its local partners also sponsor more than 4,500 local collection site locations nationwide. For more information and to find a convenient collection site location near you – including year-round authorized collectors – please visit <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday>.

COLLECTION SITE LOCATIONS SPONSORED BY THE IPLA:

Tell City Fire Department

702 12th Street

Tell City IN 47586

Law Enforcement Partner: Tell City Police Department

Community Hospital Anderson

1515 N. Madison Avenue

Anderson, IN 46011

Law Enforcement Partner: Community Hospital Anderson Police

The Methodist Hospitals - Southlake Campus

8701 Broadway

Merrillville, IN 46410

Law Enforcement Partner: Lake County Sheriff Dept

Community Cancer Center North

7979 N Shadeland Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46250

Law Enforcement Partner: Community Hospital Police

Parkview Whitley Hospital

1260 East SR 205

Columbia City, IN 46725

Law Enforcement Partner: Parkview Police & Whitley County Sheriff Dept

###

About the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA):

The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) was established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2005, consolidating the Indiana Health Professions Bureau and the former Indiana Professional Licensing Agency into one centralized umbrella agency. The IPLA now issues licenses for forty (40) different professions and over two hundred (200) unique license types. One (1) in six (6) working Hoosiers are currently licensed by the IPLA. The IPLA supports thirty-four (34) of the State of Indiana's occupational licensing boards, commissions, and committees in administering their duties and business, and also provides inspection services for certain professions and businesses across the state of Indiana. The IPLA partners with several other Indiana state agencies in providing professional licensing services, by managing the State of Indiana's online professional licensing system – the Indiana Licensing Enterprise. The IPLA's mission is to ensure Hoosiers have access to a robust, safe, and reliable professional workforce by providing licensure to professionals in a fair and efficient manner. For more information, visit the IPLA's website [here](#).