

## HC DrugFree: Keeping Howard County *in the KNOW!* ...knowledge is power, so just say KNOW

**Drive-Thru Medication & Sharps Collection on Saturday, April 24**



HC DrugFree will hold our next drive-thru medication and sharps collection on Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the **Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot**.

We want your expired and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications and your sharps (needles, syringes and EpiPens).

The medication will be guarded and transported by the Howard County Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Funding provided by the Howard County Health Department, MDH and SAMHSA. Thank you to everyone partnering with us!

All adult volunteers may [register through this link](#). Feel free to bring a lawn chair if you can't stand (or if you just want to relax) while holding a sign or arrow. Help spread the word that medically-trained adult volunteers are needed to assist with handling the medication and sharps.

Masks will be worn and social distancing will be required, so **volunteer to help a good cause, enjoy the spring weather, and join HC DrugFree's team!**

[Learn more here.](#)

## What Happens After 4:20 p.m. on 4/20?

April 20, also known as 420, 4:20 or 4/20 (pronounced four-twenty), is a day popular with many marijuana smokers who see it as a “national holiday” of sorts and celebrate by getting high especially around 4:20 p.m.

According to a 2018 report shared by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), deadly car crashes were 12 percent higher on April 20 after 4:20 p.m. compared to numbers a week before and a week after. For drivers under 21, the crashes were 38 percent higher. [Learn more.](#)

420 gets more popular every year as awareness of it spreads mostly on the sites and apps that attract tweens and teens, such as Twitter, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok and other social media. [Learn more.](#)

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## Registration Now Open! FREE Parenting Classes.

Hurry to register for the next series of classes for parents/guardians of 9-14 year olds. If your child is slightly younger or older, complete the registration form and we will review the information and get back to you.

Parent/guardian or child must reside in Howard County and based on previous interest, this class is expected to fill. Parents are encouraged to attend all 4 classes in this series.

Classes are scheduled for 4 Tuesdays (May 4, 11, June 1 and 8) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. [Register here](#) or [learn more.](#)



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## Events

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in the Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot**



## Don't get stuck on pins & needles.

Bring your unwanted sharps and meds to our  
Drive-Thru Medication & Sharps Collection

### Safely dispose of:

- Prescription Medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- Sharps (Syringes, Needles, Epi-Pens, etc.)
- Vitamins
- Pet Medications
- Vape Devices (batteries removed)
- Inhalers

**HC DrugFree**  
Empowering the Community  
**Howard County Drug Take Back Day**

Saturday, April 24th 2021, 10am-2pm

Wilde Lake Village Center

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