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PRESS RELEASE

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Naugatuck Valley Health District encourages residents to dispose of unneeded medications at upcoming Medication Take Back Events in Seymour and Derby

Naugatuck Valley Health District (NVHD) is pleased to announce and support two October Medication Take Back Events happening in the Valley! Aligned with the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, these events are being held in reflection of our joint commitment to safety and health by encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting.

Any person can come and safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications with no questions asked!

1. Drive up and place your car in park
2. Drop off accepted medications (no questions asked!)
3. Drive away

It's that easy!

Accepted:

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Medication samples
- Medications for household pets
- Medicated lotions or ointments
- Vape devices (battery must be removed)

Not Accepted:

- Needles or other "sharps"
- Hazardous waste
- Thermometers
- Personal care products (shampoo, etc.)

If you cannot make it to either event, you can drop off accepted items in a medication drop box, no questions asked, located in the lobbies of the following local police departments: Ansonia Police Department, Naugatuck Police Department, Seymour Police Department, or Shelton Police Department.

Homebound residents or individuals desiring to dispose of medication at home may call NVHD's Naugatuck Valley Overdose Prevention & Education (NOPE) Program at 203-881-3255 x 103 and request a disposal pouch to safely discard pills, patches and liquid in your home garbage without harming the environment or worrying about a person or animal accessing the medication (while supplies last).



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Seymour Event Details

BHcare's Alliance for Prevention & Wellness, the Seymour Police Department, and NVHD will be hosting the drive through Seymour event on Thursday, October 13th from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Seymour Community Center (20 Pine Street, Seymour, CT 06483).

Get rid of your medication and get your flu shot and/or COVID-19 booster!

NVHD will have influenza and COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccines available to the public inside the Seymour Community Center from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Appointments are not necessary to receive a vaccine. There is no copay for influenza vaccines with accepted insurances (Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Cigna, ConnectiCare, Medicare Part B, and Medicaid). NVHD also accepts cash, check, or card payment for uninsured individuals (\$35 for the "regular" quadrivalent flu vaccine and \$70 for Flublok or high dose (65+) flu vaccine). All COVID-19 vaccines are free of cost to the patient regardless of insurance status, however if someone does have insurance, they should bring their card. Additional clinics are posted online at www.nvhd.org/category/events. Questions regarding the vaccine clinic should be directed to Carissa Caserta, MPH, NVHD's Assistant Director of Community Health Services at 203-881-3255 x 104.

Questions regarding the Seymour Medication Take Back Event should be directed to Lorrie McFarland, MS, MCHES, CPS-R, Prevention Coordinator for BHcare's Alliance for Prevention & Wellness at lmcfarland@bhcare.org.

Derby Event Details

The City of Derby's Youth Services Bureau, the Derby Police Department, and NVHD will be hosting the Derby drive through event on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00am – 1:00pm at Bradley School (155 David Humphreys Road, Derby, CT 06418).

Questions regarding the Derby Medication Take Back Event should be directed to John Saccu, Director of the Derby Youth Services Bureau at jsaccu@gmail.com.

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