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### 44 LOCATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE APRIL 28 TAKE BACK DAY

The poster features two cartoon rockers, one with blonde hair and a pink headband, the other with brown hair and a black hat, both playing guitars. They are set against a background of a crowd of people with their hands raised. The text "MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S BAD MEDICINE TOUR" is at the top. Below the cartoonists, it says "Turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal." The main event title "TAKE BACK DAY" is in large, bold letters, followed by "Saturday, April 28, 2018" and "10 AM to 2 PM". At the bottom, it says "To find a drop-off site near you, visit montcopa.org/da" and "Sponsored by the Montgomery County District Attorney & Police Chiefs".

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (April 19, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County announced today the locations for the bi-annual prescription drug Take Back Day, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 28. Forty-four (44) locations throughout Montgomery County will serve as drop-off locations for unwanted and expired medications.

This spring's Take Back Day—which coincides with the DEA's nationwide Take Back Day—is the largest in terms of number of participating police department locations since Take Back Day

began in Montgomery County in 2010. It's a chance for Montgomery County residents to clean out their medicine cabinets of unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications and dispose of them easily in a safe, environmentally friendly way. Ridding medicine cabinets of these medications is an important step in combatting the growing opioid and heroin epidemic, which often begins with prescription medicines taken from a home medicine cabinet.

The participating sites are:

- Abington Township Police Department, 1166 Old York Rd., Abington, PA 19001
- Bridgeport Borough Police Department, 65 W. 4th St., Bridgeport, PA 19405
- Cheltenham Township Police Department, 8230 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027
- Collegeville Police Department, 491 E. Main St., Collegeville, PA 19426
- Conshohocken Borough Police Department, 400 Fayette St., Ste. 100, Conshohocken, PA 19428
- Douglass Township Police Department at the Giant Food Store, 173 Holly Rd., Gilbertsville, PA 19525
- East Norriton Township Police Department, 2501 Stanbridge St., East Norriton, PA 19401
- Franconia Township Police Department/Indian Valley Character Counts Coalition at Franconia Elementary School, 366 Harleysville Pike, Souderton, PA 18964
- Hatboro Police Department, 120 E. Montgomery Ave., Hatboro, PA 19040
- Hatfield Township Police Department at the Administration Building, 1950 School Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440
- Horsham Township Police Department at the Giant Food Store, 314 Horsham Rd., Horsham, PA 19044
- Jenkintown Borough Police Department, 700 Summit Ave., Jenkintown, PA 19046
- Lansdale Police Department, 1 Vine St., Lansdale, PA 19446
- Limerick Township Police Department, 155 S. Limerick Rd., Limerick, PA 19468
- Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department, 1130 N. Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA 19477
- Lower Merion Police Department, 71 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003
- Lower Moreland Township Police Department, 640 Red Lion Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
- Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department at Sanatoga Fire Company, 2222 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464
- Lower Providence Police Department, 100 Parklane Dr., Eagleville, PA 19403
- Marlborough Township Police Department, 6040 Upper Ridge Rd., Green Lane, PA 18054
- Montgomery Township Police Department at Wegmans, 804 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19440
- New Hanover Township Police Department, 2943 N. Charlotte St., Gilbertsville, PA 19525
- Norristown Police Department, 235 E. Airy St., Norristown, PA 19401
- North Wales Borough Police Department, 300 School St., North Wales, PA 19454

- Plymouth Township Police Department, 700 Belvoir Rd., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
- Pottstown Police Department, 100 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464
- Rockledge Police Department, 1 Park Ave., Rockledge, PA 19046
- Royersford Police Department, 300 Main St., Royersford, PA 19468
- Souderton Borough Police Department, 31 West Summit St., Souderton, PA 18964
- Springfield Township Police Department, 1510 Paper Mill Rd., Wyndmoor, PA 19038
- Towamencin Township Police Department, 1090 Troxel Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446
- Upper Dublin Township Police Department, 801 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034
- Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department, 1 Parkside Place, West Point, PA 19486
- Upper Merion Township Police Department, 175 West Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406
- Upper Moreland Township Police Department, 117 Park Ave., Willow Grove, PA 19090
- Upper Perk Police Department, 88 W. Sixth St., Pennsburg, PA 18073
- Upper Pottsgrove Police Department, 1420 Heather Place, Pottstown, PA 19464
- Upper Providence Police Department, 1286 Black Rock Rd., Oaks, PA 19456
- West Conshohocken Police Department at the West Conshohocken Borough Hall, 112 Ford St., West Conshohocken, PA 19428
- West Norriton Township Police Department, 1630 W. Marshall St., Jeffersonville, PA 19403
- West Pottsgrove Police Department at 980 Grosstown and at the Giant Food Store at 180 Upland Square Drive, both locations in Stowe, PA 19464
- Whitmarsh Police Department, 616 E. Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
- Whitpain Township Police Department, 960 Wentz Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422

The sites, staffed by police officers, will accept prescription and over-the-counter tablets and capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams and ointments, nasal sprays and pet medications. Not accepted are intravenous and injectable solutions as well as needles. Prescription medicines can be in their original prescription bottles with the label removed or can be placed in plastic bags.

“There is a growing awareness of the need to get these medicines out of homes and not by flushing down the toilet or throwing them in the trash. Take Back Day is an easy and convenient method to dispose of unwanted medicines in a safe and environmentally friendly way,” said Steele. “Collecting unwanted medications is just one way the District Attorney’s Office and law enforcement in Montgomery County are working together to combat drugs in our communities and decrease overdose deaths, which thankfully leveled out in 2017.”

At the 2017 Take Back Days in Montgomery County, 7,204.39 pounds were collected in the spring and 7,789.42 pounds were collected in the fall for a record total of 14,993.81 pounds or nearly 7½ tons of unwanted or expired medications. These numbers are from both unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications collected that day through resident drop-offs as

well as the amounts collected by police departments through their permanent MedReturn boxes. More than 42,000 pounds of medicine has been collected since the program began in 2010.

If someone cannot make it to a Take Back Day location on April 28, unwanted medications can be dropped off and disposed of throughout the year at more than 50 permanent Prescription Drug Disposal Boxes, many sponsored by Pennsylvania American Water in an effort to help keep our water supply safe since it is not safe to flush unwanted medicines down the toilet. The complete list of permanent locations can be found on the District Attorney's Office website at [www.montcopa.org/da](http://www.montcopa.org/da).

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele