

# HC DrugFree

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

**"Where flowers bloom so does hope."**

-- Lady Bird Johnson

## Seeking Volunteers and Supplies



Hey HoCo! We need a few helping hands. Would you lend us yours? On Saturday April 27, we are hosting our Drive-Thru Medication & Sharps disposal and, as always, we depend on volunteers to make this event a success! We need **student, adult, and medically-trained** (pharmacists, EMTs, nurses, doctors, etc.) volunteers! We have jobs for all ages: young or young-at-heart, standing or seated (please feel free to bring a chair), introverted or extroverted! Plug into our great community with your family/friends, or join us solo and make new friends!

**Special request:** We are specifically in need of a **photographer** (or several) to help us document this special community event.

Don't forget: Student volunteers are eligible to receive **Community Service Hours** if all our forms are submitted prior to event. We encourage adults to accompany students.

[Learn more & register to volunteer](#)

## If you can't volunteer, then please share your tables and canopy!



We are in need of several **tables** and a **canopy** for shade for our fearless sorting team to use during our medication and sharps disposal event. If you'd allow us to borrow your items, we'd appreciate if you'd drop off at 9 a.m. and pick up at 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot near the Swim Center. Please label each item with your name and contact information so we can make sure everything is returned to the owner. [Sign up to allow us to borrow your table or canopy](#)

## Growing Concerns of Social Media and Kids



## [Watch Video](#)

The American Psychological Association is out with a new report calling for more to be done to protect young people from the potential dangers of social media.

## TODAY: APRIL 16 at 7:00 PM How To Talk to Kids about Substance Misuse in the Media

In Partnership with **HCDrugFree**

### Parenting Strategies

and How to Talk about Drug Use in Popular Media

April 16, 7–8:30 p.m.

#### Virtual Event

This training session is geared toward parents and caregivers, mental health professionals, school staff, 501c3 staff, grantee, etc.

Depictions of drug and alcohol use is widespread in current media, including shows often viewed by teenagers such as *Stranger Things*, *The Queen's Gambit* on Netflix and HBO's *Euphoria*. Given that research indicates that exposure to these messages increases teenage substance use, what can parents do to protect their children?

Join Dr. Weiner for an exploration of the psychological impact of drug use in media, as well as actionable strategies for parents and caregivers to help teenagers navigate this complicated social and cultural terrain.



Dr. Aaron Weiner is a board-certified psychologist and addiction specialist and teaches regularly on the topics of addiction and behavioral health, and the impact of drug policy on public health. His research is informed by the areas of behavioral science and drug policy and has been published in peer-reviewed journals for hospitals and healthcare systems. His current study of medical and non-medical research, and his own observations in private practice.

Register now online!  
[https://bit.ly/Howe\\_HC-Drug-Free](https://bit.ly/Howe_HC-Drug-Free)



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## Drive-Thru Medication & Sharps Collection



Keep your unused medication away from the wrong paws!

## Drive-Thru Medication & Sharps Disposal

Saturday, April 27 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Did you know you can bring veterinary medications, sharps, & needles to our drug disposal event on Saturday April 27 from 10AM - 2PM? Whether the meds belong to you or your furry friends, we'll safely and anonymously dispose of it during our safe, convenient drive-thru event!

## We are accepting:

- Prescription medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- Vitamins
- Vape devices (with the batteries removed, please!)
- Inhalers
- Sharps (EpiPens, syringes, needles, etc.)
- Veterinary medication

And MORE! (If you aren't sure, just bring it!)

Bringing these items to our disposal event ensures that they will be disposed of properly and not end up in our water supply or in the paws of those who may misuse them intentionally OR unintentionally.

- We are giving away 100 medication storage lockboxes so be sure to come right when the event begins because these aluminum combination lockboxes won't last long! (First come, first served. No holds. Limit 1 per vehicle.)

Medication & Sharps Disposal

Saturday April 27 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot (near the Columbia Swim Center)

5305 Village Center Drive, Columbia 21044

[Learn more & volunteer](#)

## Be Our Friend

**Please consider becoming a [Friend of HC DrugFree](#).** Your support shows funders that you value the work that we do. Thank you for your continued support of the important work we do at HC DrugFree!

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