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NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

SPOKANE, WA – On Saturday, October 28, the NorthEast Washington Educational Service District (NEWESD) 101's Community Coalitions (part of Washington's Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative) will collaborate with local law enforcement, school and community-based partners to host **Medication Take Back events** across northeast Washington in recognition of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

Community members can drop off expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, as well as vaping devices and cartridges on **10/28 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.** at numerous locations throughout the region including:

- **Shadle Coalition and West Spokane Wellness Partnership:** West Central Community Center (1603 N. Belt St. Spokane, WA. 99205). Contact: Sarah McNew, smcnew@esd101.net; 509-655-0161
- **TALK 2 Healthy Choices Coalition:** Airway Heights Walmart Super Center (1221 S. Hayford Rd, Spokane, WA 99224). Contact: Jessica Deutsch, jdeutsch@esd101.net, 509-703-2802
- **North East Support Team (NEST) Coalition:** NorthEast Community Center (4001 N. Cook St Spokane, WA 99207). Contact: Lorrain Holokai, lhokai@esd101.net, 509-703-0836
- **Substance Use Prevention Education & Resources (S.U.P.E.R) Colfax Coalition:** Colfax Library front patio (102 S Main St. Colfax, WA, 99111). *Note: This event will take place from 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. and is being facilitated in partnership with the Whitman County Health Department to collect prescription medications, as well as being able to collect and safely dispose of sharps like EpiPens and insulin needles.* Contact: Sara Golden, sgolden@esd101.net, 509-280-2551

For more information, visit the NorthEast Washington Prevention website at <https://www.new-prevention.com/>

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About NorthEast Washington Educational Service District (NEWESD) 101

NEWESD 101 promotes educational excellence by delivering essential, cooperative services to 59 public school districts, 45 state-approved private schools and four charter schools across northeast Washington in Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman counties.

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