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Doshier drug drop set for Thursday, April 22nd

SOUTHPORT—The 22nd “Operation Medicine Cabinet” drug drop at Doshier Memorial Hospital is scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd, between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Local residents are invited to drop off unwanted and expired prescription medications at the hospital front entrance, where law enforcement then takes what is collected for safe incineration. One of the conveniences of this event is that it is designed so that you can “drive through and drop off,” without having to leave your car.

As this spring’s drop off event coincides with Earth Day, it is a timely reminder that “flushing” unwanted medication is not recommended. Studies have shown that medicines flushed down a household drain can contaminate lakes or streams, hurt fish and wildlife, or potentially wind up in water supplies.

At Doshier’s last drug drop, in October of 2019, nearly 400 local households discarded more than 8,000 expired or unwanted narcotic pills and nearly 1,280 milliliters of narcotic liquids. After a brief hiatus from Operation Medicine Cabinet at the onset of the COVID pandemic last year, Doshier welcomes the opportunity to be able to provide this service to local residents again, taking several precautions to make the drop off process safe for all.

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