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Central Virginia Health District and Horizon Behavioral Health Announce Second Annual Fentanyl Awareness Day

LYNCHBURG, Va. – The safety and well-being of our community are always of utmost importance, which is why Horizon Behavioral Health and the Central Virginia Health District have partnered to recognize the second annual National Fentanyl Awareness Day. Both agencies have joined together to raise public awareness about an urgent problem: people are dying at alarming rates due to illicitly manufactured fentanyl (IMF), a potent synthetic opioid.

One of the tools we have available to potentially reverse an opioid overdose is the use of naloxone (Narcan®). Community members can obtain Narcan by attending REVIVE! training. REVIVE! is the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The training provides education on how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and how to respond using Narcan. Anyone can take the training and there are no specific requirements.

Horizon Behavioral Health and the Central Virginia Health District will be offering Rapid REVIVE! both virtually and in person. The training takes less than 30 minutes, and each person receives Narcan nasal spray upon completion. Virtual attendees can pick up their Narcan at Horizon Behavioral Health or one of the health department sites listed below on Thursday, May 11 between noon and 2 p.m.

Upcoming training options include:

May 9: virtual sessions - training times scheduled at 10 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82435371792?pwd=TIVxckRRMmZiSk1SV0RGdWFJOGs0Zz09>

Zoom meeting ID: 824 3537 1792, Passcode: 764951

May 11: in-person sessions noon – 2 p.m. (stop in anytime during the time period)

Amherst County Health Department - 224 2nd St., Amherst, VA

Appomattox County Health Department - 475 Court St., Appomattox, VA

Bedford County Health Department - 600 Bedford Ave., Bedford, VA

Campbell County Health Department - 116 Kabler Lane, Rustburg, VA

Lynchburg Health Department – 307 Alleghany Ave., Lynchburg, VA

Horizon Behavioral Health and Central Virginia Health District offer REVIVE! trainings throughout the year. More information can be found here:

<https://abovethehigh.org/learn-the-facts/#revive> or call 434-477-5464

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/central-virginia/substance-abuse-recovery/> or call 434-477-5900