

MARCH 2020 🌿



National Poison Prevention Week

March 15-21, is an opportunity to highlight the dangers of **medication poisonings** for people of all ages and promote community involvement in prevention. It is important to know as much as possible about your medicines to prevent poisonings.

Know Your Medicines: *Know the names, reason for use, and possible side effects.* Review all your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.

Do this at least once a year, or when you start using a new medicine.

Know How and When to Use your Medicine, how much to use, and for how long. Never use more medicine than prescribed. Using more does not mean you will get better faster. Also, using too much medicine can poison you.

Keep a Current Medicine List: *Bring a list of all the medicines you are using to your doctor's appointments.* This includes all prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Keep All Medicines Locked Up & Out of Children's Reach: *No container can promise to be child proof.* Store your medicines in a safe place so that children cannot get to them. This will prevent accidental poisonings.

Call Poison Help (1-800-222-1222) If You Think:

- A medicine was not taken as directed.
- Too much medicine was taken by accident.

SOURCE: POISONHELP.HRSA.GOV



National Kidney Month

Kidneys serve a vital role by filtering waste and excess fluid from the blood and maintaining a healthy balance of water, salts, and minerals. However, too often, we

only think about them when something goes wrong. Chronic kidney disease is a serious condition, affecting more than 30 million adults in the United States, yet people in the early stages may not have symptoms. **Start the conversation with your health care provider by asking these 3 questions:**

- 1 Have I been tested for kidney disease and how healthy are my kidneys?
- 2 How often should I get my kidneys checked?
- 3 What should I do to keep my kidneys healthy?

SOURCE: WWW.NIDDK.NIH.GOV

DID YOU KNOW?



MAR. 30 | National Doctor's Day is a day to celebrate the contribution of physicians who serve our country by caring for its' citizens.

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“ **Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people.** 🌿

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Make this Your Healthiest Year Yet

- Regular Check-ups:** Schedule an appointment with your health care provider to discuss what screenings and exams you need and when you need them.
- B.Y.O.B. [Bring Your Own medicine Bottle]:** It is important that you bring your medicine bottles every time you come in for a visit so that we can update your chart.
- Shared Decision Making:** Should I Have a **PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) Test?** Discuss your options with your MD during your visit.
- Unused Prescription Medications:** Dispose of your unused or expired medications anonymously in secured drop boxes 7 days/week, 365 days/year via **Project Medicine Drop program** 800-242.5846 | <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop>



Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

This March, and throughout the year, we can all do more to stop this disease. People at increased risk for colorectal cancer may need to start screening at an earlier age and get tested more frequently than

other people. **You may be at increased risk if:**

- You or a close relative have had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer.
- You have inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, or ulcerative colitis.
- You have certain genetic syndromes, like familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) or hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer (also known as Lynch syndrome).

✓ **Don't wait for symptoms to be tested for colorectal cancer.**

Getting screened for colorectal cancer as recommended can reduce your risk for developing this disease. Screening finds precancerous polyps so they can be removed before they turn into cancer.

- If you are 50 or older, talk to your doctor about getting screened.**

SOURCE: CDC.GOV/SCREENFORLIFE

🌿 Reminders for Your Office Visit 🌿

- Bring your **prescription bottles** or **list of medication** to your visit.
- Do you need **medication refills**? Tell us at your office visit.
- Did you let us know if you have **any change(s) in your personal information** such as address, phone number and insurance?
- Do you need a **Referral for a Specialist** or do you need **further testing outside of our office**? You may need to call your insurance plan to verify your coverage.
- Did you check if your plan **covers Well care or a Physical**?
- Are you up-to-date on your screenings for **Mammogram and Colonoscopy**? **Are you due for one?** Ask your MD.
- Are you being referred by your PCP to get any **radiology test(s)**? If so, please let us know in case you need a **Pre-certification**.
- Is your **Immunization record** up to date? Please update us.
- Are you **Pre-Diabetic**? Have you discussed this with your MD?
- Did you get a **Summary of your Visit** today? If not, please ask for it before leaving.
- Do you need to make a **Follow-up appointment**? **Please stop at Check-out and make an appointment before you leave.**

March is National Sleep Awareness Month

+ Do You Get Enough Sleep? +



1 in 3
Adults don't get enough sleep.

Adults need 7+ hours of sleep a night.

7
OR MORE



Lack of sleep is linked to several chronic diseases and conditions, including:



**TYPE 2
DIABETES**



HEART DISEASE



OBESITY



DEPRESSION

Tips for Good Sleep

Good sleep habits (sometimes referred to as “sleep hygiene”) can help you get a good night’s sleep.



Go to bed and get up at the same time each day, including weekends.



Keep the bedroom quiet, dark, and a comfortable temperature.



Remove electronic devices from the bedroom.



Avoid large meals, caffeine, and alcohol before bedtime.



Be active during the day to help you fall asleep at night.

Learn more about good sleep habits at www.cdc.gov/sleep.



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Support Groups @ Englewood Hospital

Englewood Hospital Events Calendar

Please check Englewood Hospital's Calendar of Events link for upcoming events at <https://www.engagewoodhealth.org/calendar-events-classes>

Bariatric/Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

A free program for patients who have experienced the surgical solution to weight loss. If you are considering surgery, you are also welcome to join the group. The support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

Bereavement Support Group

VNA of Englewood: Bereavement Support Group runs on Thursdays from 12pm – 1:30 pm at Englewood Hospital. Please check with the hospital main desk for the location on each Thursday. For additional information, please call Erica DiFrancisco at 201-894-333, group facilitator.

Cancer Support:

Breast Cancer Support Group

Relax your mind as you connect with other women living with breast cancer. Open to all women experiencing any stage of breast cancer. First timers should call Cathy Verhulst at 201-608-2162 prior to attending. The support group meets the first and third Friday of every month at 10:30 am.

Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Support Group

SPOHNC (Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer), a patient directed, self-help organization founded in 1991 by an oral cancer survivor. It is non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the emotional, physical and humanistic needs of oral head and neck cancer patients and their care givers. Bergen County Chapter meets from 7pm – 8:30pm at Englewood Hospital on the fourth Wednesday of the month in conference room "A". For inquiries, please contact Patrick Taaffee at 201-931-6394.

Cardiac – Visiting Hearts: A Support Program for Cardiac Patients

New patients are informed of the "Visiting Hearts" program prior to their day of Pre-Admission Testing. For more information, please call Robyn Giaccone at 201-894-3950.

Diabetes Education

A free program is open to individuals and their families. This group allows participants to share their experiences, learn from others and discuss how they live with diabetes. Guest speakers are often featured. This group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7pm – 8:30pm. (No meetings in July and August). An Insulin Pump Support Group is held quarterly for those using an insulin pump, those interested in pump therapy, and those using multiple daily injections. To schedule an appointment or for additional information, please call 201-894-3335.

Support Groups @ Englewood Hospital

Families Anonymous

Families Anonymous is a group of concerned relatives and friends whose lives have been adversely affected by a loved one's addiction to alcohol, drugs or related behavioral problems. All who have experienced the effects of a loved one's addiction are welcome.

The group meets at Englewood Hospital every Friday at 7:30pm. Call 917-836-3672 or email gerilam@msn.com for more information.

Neuropathy Support Group

This group meets on the third Thursday of March, April, May September, October and November at 7pm. Call Rich Booz at 201-587-1250, Mary Robertson at 973-226-1535, Tom McCullum at 201-692-9313 or Dean Lewis at 631-223-8416 for additional information.

Post Partum Services / Wellness Wednesdays

You and your newborn child are invited to attend our group, focused on adjustment to motherhood, coping with stress, and adapting to new family dynamics. A licensed clinical social worker facilitates the sessions, which provide comfort, emotional support, information, and referrals to resources for new moms who are adjusting to parenthood. The group meets every Wednesday at 1pm. Registration is required. Call 201-894-3092.

Support Groups @ Holy Name Medical Center

Free Support Groups meet monthly. To register call 1-877-465-9626, unless otherwise noted.

Bariatric Support Group

Support Group for Lap-band or Gastric Bypass patients

Location: Conference Room "1", Marian Hall Holy Name Medical Center. For additional information, please call 201-833-3336

Bereavement Support

Call 201-833-3000 ext 7580 for more information.

Breast Cancer Support and Discussion Group

The Breast Cancer Support and Discussion Group is a vehicle for information, encouragement and support that is facilitated by two clinical psychologists. The support group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Call 201-227-6008 for additional information. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Support Groups @ Holy Name Medical Center

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group provides an opportunity to meet with people who understand how you feel and what you are going through in a way that others cannot. The support group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 4:00pm – 5:00pm. The meetings take place in the Marian Hall Conference Center, Holy Name Medical Center. For additional information, please call 201-227-6008.

Men Living with Cancer Support Group

The Men Living with Cancer Support Group is open to men with the diagnosis of cancer at any time during treatment or post-therapy. For additional information, please call 201-833-3392.

Support for Korean Cancer Patients

The Support group meets at Medical Affairs Conference Room, Holy Name Medical Center on the first Friday of every month at 10am – 12pm. For additional information, please call Hei Young Yoon at 201-833-3332.

Pregnancy and Newborn Loss Support Group

The support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00pm. For additional information, please call 201-724-4093.

Blood Drive at Holy Name Medical Center

You can sign up for the blood drives online: <http://holyname.org/BloodDrive/>

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Dental Care at Southeast for Independent Living (SESCIL)

The Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living has fully equipped dental facility with a certified licensed dentist, a dental coordinator, and two dental hygienists, excellent equipment and a clean environment. Call the Center for an appointment. There is an annual membership fee which entitles the member not only to receive dental care at cost but includes participation in all other class offerings. The Center, 228 Grand Avenue, Englewood, is handicapped accessible with ample parking. For more information, call 201-569-4080 or [visit www.SESCIL.org](http://www.SESCIL.org)

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Library Offers Continuing Education Courses Online

Teaneck Public Library is offering Universal Class, an online resource of more than 500 continuing education courses, to all Teaneck Public card holders. A wide range of subjects are offered including art, photography, office skills, test preparation, career training, as well as home schooling, self-help and science. Courses are accessible online 24/7 with real instructors, assignments and grades.

Up to five courses may be taken at a time. Participants who successfully complete a course will be issued a "Certified of Course" Completion.

To access the program, go to the library's website at www.teaneck.org and click on "universal class" button on the right side.

For more information, call the Reference Department 201-837-4171.

The Township of Teaneck Provides Free Transportation for Residents who are 65 or older and/or Disabled

This service is for medical appointments, food shopping and small errands (with Teaneck, Hackensack, Englewood, and fringes of Bogota, Bergenfield and River Edge). Call 201-837-7130 ext 7040 for more information.

Jewish Family Services at 201-837-9090 provides the following services:

- Kosher Meals on Wheels (at home delivery of meals)
- Care Management, support and advocacy
- Friendly Visitor, Adopt a Bubbe and Telephone Reassurance – Volunteer programs
- Joy Lunch Club
- Elder Care Workshop Series

The Teaneck Fire Department offers all Teaneck Residents the Free Service of a "Good Morning" Wake-up Call

This service is particularly appropriate for those facing significant illness, frailty/balance issues, and/or are shut-ins.

Call Lt. David Barrett or Lt. Richard Burchell at 201-837-2085 to activate this service. Calls can be pre-empted by the recipient at any time for convenience.

The Gallen Adult Day Care Center at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh will hold a

Caregiver support group every first Wednesday of the month, 10am – 11:30 am at 10 Link Drive, Rockleigh, NJ – Social Hall 1. FREE.

For additional information, please call Social Worker Shelley at 201-784-1414 ext. 5340. Share concerns in an informative group discussion and learn about available resources for you and your loved one.

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Treatment Services

Seabrook House – Helping Families Find the Courage to Recover

Seabrook House is multi-level premier inpatient and outpatient facility, internationally recognized, and accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services), alcohol and drug rehabilitation center. Each facility offers every level of inpatient and outpatient care from partial through one-on-one counseling.

They offer the following services: Withdrawal Management (Detoxification), Residential Treatment, Partial Hospitalization, and Intensive Outpatient. They also offer Extended Care Programs: Seabrook House West, Changes for Women/Young Adult Program, Recovery Enhancement Program. They offer “The Family Matrix Program”, a three-day, structured experience designed to help families begin to heal and strengthen the bonds strained by addiction. They provide Holistic Approaches to Treatment such as Equin Therapy, Music Therapy, Yoga, Acupuncture, and many more. Please call for details. Seabrook House accepts many health insurance programs. Treatment is covered by most insurances. For more information, visit www.Seabrookhouse.org or call 800-761-7575 ext. 1515

Handwashing

at Home, at Play, and Out and About



Germs are everywhere! They can get onto your hands and items you touch throughout the day. Washing hands at key times with soap and water is one of the most important steps you can take to get rid of germs and avoid spreading germs to those around you.

How can washing your hands keep you healthy?

Germs can get into the body through our eyes, nose, and mouth and make us sick. Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands and helps prevent sickness. Studies have shown that handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

Handwashing helps prevent infections for these reasons:



People often touch their eyes, nose, and mouth without realizing it, introducing germs into their bodies.



Germs from unwashed hands may get into foods and drinks when people prepare or consume them. Germs can grow in some types of foods or drinks and make people sick.



Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, such as door knobs, tables, or toys, and then transferred to another person's hands.



What is the right way to wash your hands?

1. Wet your hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap.
3. Scrub all surfaces of your hands, including the palms, backs, fingers, between your fingers, and under your nails. Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song twice.
4. Rinse your hands under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.



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When should you wash your hands?

Handwashing at any time of the day can help get rid of germs, but there are key times when it's most important to wash your hands.

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the bathroom, changing diapers, or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal food or treats, animal cages, or animal feces (poop)
- After touching garbage
- If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy

What type of soap should you use?



You can use bar soap or liquid soap to wash your hands. Many public places provide liquid soap because it's easier and cleaner to share with others. Studies have not found any added health benefit from using soaps containing antibacterial ingredients when compared with plain soap. Both are equally effective in getting rid of germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



How does handwashing help fight antibiotic resistance?

Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria resist the effects of an antibiotic – that is, germs are not killed and they continue to grow. Sickneses caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria can be harder to treat. Simply using antibiotics creates resistance, so avoiding infections in the first place reduces the amount of antibiotics that have to be used and reduces the likelihood that resistance will develop during treatment. Handwashing helps prevent many sicknesses, meaning less use of antibiotics.

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For more information and a video demonstration of how to wash your hands, visit the CDC handwashing website:

www.cdc.gov/handwashing