



National Mammography Day

is a reminder for women to not only do their regular screening but also to talk to their doctor about what screening interval is best for them.

Though the recommendation is that women begin having a mammogram every two years from the age of 50, some women may benefit from having mammograms more frequently. The guideline is a general rule of thumb for women who are not at high risk. However, women who present risk factors such as heavy smoking, excessive drinking or a family history of breast cancer may benefit from scheduling annual mammograms rather than bi-annually (every two years). It is suggested that women speak to their doctor about the best way in which to proceed with breast cancer screenings.

The World Health Organization suggests that high risk women may also see an additional decrease in mortality if beginning bi-annual screening at age 40 instead of 50.

SOURCE: National Foundation for Cancer Research



What is Digital Abuse?

Digital Abuse happens when one partner uses technology to maintain power and control over another in a relationship. It's never okay for your partner to use technology, such as

texting or social media, to bully, harass, stalk, or intimidate you. Your partner should respect your relationship boundaries, even online. **You may be experiencing digital abuse if your partner:**

- Tells you who you can or can't be friends with on Facebook and other sites.
- Sends you negative, insulting or even threatening emails or social media messages.
- Uses social media or GPS on your phone to monitor you.
- Pressures you to send explicit video or text messages.
- Steals or insists on being given your passwords.
- Looks through your phone frequently to read your texts or look at your call history.

SOURCE: **National Domestic Violence**
Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) | TTY 1-800-787-3224

“**KINDNESS** is **GIVING HOPE** to those who think they are all alone in this world.” — RAKtivist

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 🧐 Avoid the 3 C's:

1. **Closed spaces with poor ventilation**
2. **Crowded places with many people nearby**
3. **Close-contact settings such as close range conversations**

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FIGHT FLU



The FLU shot is more important than ever.

September and October are good times to get a vaccine according to the CDC. **Make an appointment to schedule your flu shot today.**



Liver Wellness

The **liver** is the second largest organ in your body and is located under your rib cage on the right side. It performs many jobs in your body. It processes what you eat and drink into energy and nutrients your body can

use and it also removes harmful substances from your blood.

Ways to Take Care of Your Liver:

- ✓ **Have a Healthy Lifestyle.**
 - ❑ Eat foods from all the food groups: vegetables, grains, fruits, meat and beans, milk, and oil.
 - ❑ Maintain a healthy weight.
- ✓ **Limit the Amount of Alcohol You Drink.** Alcohol can damage or destroy liver cells.
 - ❑ Talk to your doctor about what amount of alcohol to drink is right for you.
- ✓ **Manage Your Medications.** When medicines are taken incorrectly — by taking too much or the wrong type or by mixing — the liver can be harmed.
 - ❑ Learn about medicines and how they can affect the liver.
 - ❑ Talk to a doctor or pharmacist about the medicines you are taking.
 - ❑ Follow dosing instructions.
 - ❑ Mixing alcohol and medicines can harm your liver, even if they are not taken at the same time.
- ✓ **Avoid Breathing in or Touching Toxins as toxins can injure liver cells.**
 - ❑ Limit direct contact with toxins from cleaning and aerosol products, insecticides, chemicals, and additives in cigarettes.
 - ❑ **Do NOT smoke.**

SOURCE: American Liver Foundation



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.**

A Strong Defense Against Flu: Get Vaccinated!

FIGHT FLU



The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza (flu) is to get a flu vaccine every flu season. Flu is a contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness, hospitalization, or even death. CDC recommends everyone six months and older get an annual flu vaccine.

What are some key reasons to get a flu vaccine?

- Every year, flu vaccination prevents illnesses, medical visits, hospitalizations, and deaths.
- Flu vaccination also is an important preventive tool for people with chronic health conditions. For example flu vaccination has been associated with lower rates of some cardiac events among in people with heart disease.
- Vaccinating pregnant women helps protect them from flu illness and hospitalization, and also has been shown to help protect the baby from flu infection for several months after birth, before the baby can be vaccinated.
- A [2017](#) study showed that flu vaccine can be life-saving in children.
- While some people who get vaccinated still get sick, flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness.



Why is it important to get a flu vaccine EVERY year?

- Flu viruses are constantly changing, so flu vaccines may be updated from one season to the next to protect against the viruses that research suggests will be common during the upcoming flu season.
- Your protection from a flu vaccine declines over time. Yearly vaccination is needed for the best protection.



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What kinds of flu vaccines are recommended?

There are several licensed and recommended flu vaccine options this season:

- [Standard dose flu shots made from virus grown in eggs.](#)
- [Shots made with adjuvant and high dose](#) for older adults.
- [Shots made with virus grown in cell culture instead of eggs.](#)
- Shots made using a [recombinant vaccine production technology](#) that does not require the use of a flu virus.
- [Live attenuated influenza vaccine \(LAIV, the nasal spray vaccine\)](#), which is made with live, weakened influenza viruses. It is an option for people 2 through 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

Is the flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccines have a good safety record. Hundreds of millions of Americans have safely received flu vaccines over the past 50 years. Extensive research supports the safety of seasonal flu vaccines. Each year, CDC works with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other partners to ensure the highest safety standards for flu vaccines. More information about the safety of flu vaccines is available at www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/vaccinesafety.htm.

What are the side effects of flu vaccines?

Flu shots: Flu shots are made using killed flu viruses (for inactivated vaccines), or without flu virus at all (for the recombinant vaccine). So, you cannot get flu from a flu shot. Some minor side effects that may occur include soreness, redness and/or swelling where the shot was given, low grade fever, and aches.

Nasal spray flu vaccines: The viruses in nasal spray flu vaccines are weakened and do not cause the severe symptoms often associated with influenza illness. For adults, side effects from the nasal spray may include runny nose, headache, sore throat, and cough. For children, side effects may also include wheezing, vomiting, muscle aches, and fever.

If these problems occur, they are usually mild and go away on their own, but serious reactions are also possible. Almost all people who receive flu vaccine have no serious problems from it.

When and Where to get vaccinated?

You should get a flu vaccine by the end of October. However, as long as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination should continue throughout flu season, even in January or later.

Flu vaccines are offered in many doctors' offices and clinics. Flu vaccine is available in many other locations, including health departments, pharmacies, urgent care clinics, health centers, and travel clinics. Vaccines may also be offered at your school, college health center, or workplace. Visit: www.vaccinefinder.org to find a flu vaccination clinic near you.

For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/flu or call **1-800-CDC-INFO**

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.

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.

Support Groups @ Holy Name Medical Center

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)

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.

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

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.

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

Wash Your Hands

During an emergency, keeping hands clean can help keep you and others healthy.



Washing hands with soap and clean water is the best way to remove germs that can make you and others sick. If you don't have soap and clean water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Stay healthy by washing your hands many times each day:

BEFORE

- preparing food
- eating
- caring for someone who is sick
- treating a cut or a wound

AFTER

- Using the bathroom
- Changing diapers or cleaning a child who has used the toilet
- Blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- Handling pet food or pet treats
- Touching garbage



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.
- 4.** Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
- 5.** Rinse your hands well under running water.
- 6.** Dry your hands using a clean towel or air-dry them.



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www.cdc.gov/handwashing