



# County of Rockland Department of Health NEWS RELEASE

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## **Dept. of Health announces National Influenza Vaccination Week January 10-16th** ***Vaccine clinics available in County***

Pomona, NY – The Rockland County Department of Health announces that Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> is the annual observance of National Influenza Vaccination Week. This flu season has presented our community with a unique challenge to fight a new type of influenza – the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus.

The H1N1 flu is a serious disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that between mid-April and November 14, 2009, 47 million people in the United States were infected with 2009 H1N1 flu, more than 200,000 people were hospitalized, and over 9,800 people died.

“Influenza is unpredictable and we do not know the likelihood of a future wave of H1N1 flu, but we do know that vaccination is the most important step in protecting against influenza. Protect yourself, your family, and your community by getting vaccinated,” said Dr. Joan Facelle, Rockland County Commissioner of Health.

To kick-off National Influenza Vaccination Week, the Rockland County Department of Health will be holding a vaccine clinic on Sunday, January 10, 2010 from 11am – 4pm at the Robert L. Yeager Health Center, Building D, located at 50 Sanatorium Rd in Pomona. Both the Seasonal and H1N1 vaccines will be available at this clinic. The H1N1 vaccine is free and available to Rockland residents over the age of 3. The Seasonal flu vaccine is available to residents 9 years and older. The seasonal flu vaccine is free to individuals over the age of 60, and \$25 to individuals 9-59 years of age. People with Medicare or Medicaid must bring their cards. Appointments are required. Call the flu hotline at 845-364-2633 to make an appointment or for more information.

The following sites are also offering H1N1 vaccines. Call first to confirm availability, dates, and fees.

Walgreens  
180 North Main Street, New City  
845-634-3341  
\$18 fee (Medicare & Medicaid accepted)  
Available to individuals 9 and older

Drug World Pharmacy  
182 South Main Street, New City  
845-638-1212

January 13, 2010, 5 pm – 7pm  
\$18 fee (Medicaid accepted)  
Available only to individuals 19 and older

Walgreens  
135 S Liberty Drive #137, Stony Point  
845-786-2063  
\$18 fee (Medicare & Medicaid accepted)  
Available to individuals 9 and older

Pathmark in partnership with ESI Medical  
East Route 59, Nanuet  
732-292-0101

January 5, 2010, 4 pm – 8 pm, January 9, 2010, 10 am – 2 pm, January 12, 2010, 4 pm – 8pm  
\$15 fee (Medicare & Medicaid accepted)  
Available to individuals 6 months and older.

Walgreens  
209 Route 59, Suffern  
845-369-1179  
\$18 fee (Medicare & Medicaid accepted)  
Available to individuals 9 and older

Visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) to find vaccination clinics near you and learn more about the flu.

The Rockland County Department of Health will continue to keep residents informed through:

- the Rockland County Department Of Health Flu Hotline at 845-364-2633, 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday
- the Rockland County website [www.rocklandgov.com](http://www.rocklandgov.com)
- the Automated Rockland County Residents Information Service at 845-364-8990

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