

EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL

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EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL TO HOST A SENIOR H1N1 CLINIC FOR NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK

Free and open to senior citizens

East Orange, N.J., January 15, 2010 – In an effort to maintain our commitment to the health of our community, East Orange General Hospital (EOGH), in partnership with the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services, hosted an H1N1 clinic for seniors from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, January 15th at the Hospital's Campus on 80 South Munn.

While the H1N1 (swine) flu season is not over, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has designated the week of January 10th through 16th as National Influenza Vaccination Week in an effort to raise awareness of flu's risks and complications—and encourages vaccination—by designating each day of the week for an at-risk group or individuals who are in close contact with them.

"This is a challenging flu season for many of us and our families, and it's not over yet," noted Kevin J. Slavin, President & CEO of EOGH. "By taking the simple step of getting your H1N1 vaccine, you are helping keep yourself, your family, and your community healthy."

"Since the spread of H1N1 influenza is likely to continue, it is critical to remind residents of the importance of flu vaccination at a time when demand for the vaccine usually drops," Dr. Walsh said. "Vaccination is the best tool we have to prevent influenza."

"As a community-based organization, we continually look for ways to keep the residents we serve healthy. Flu shots have been proven to help older adults and other at-risk individuals stay healthy throughout the season," said Mary Ann Christopher, President & CEO of Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey.

The event was free and open to senior citizens. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (973) 672-8400.

About East Orange General Hospital

East Orange General Hospital is the largest private employer in East Orange, and remains as the only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital in Essex County. The hospital is the leader in Behavioral Health Services and provides a comprehensive array of primary care and specialty services including Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Family Health, Emergency Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical Services. Serving the community for over a century, the hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. For more information on East Orange General Hospital, please visit: <http://www.evh.org>.

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