

# PREAKNESS PRESS

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Owned and Operated by the County of Passaic and The Board of Chosen Freeholders

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## Preakness Healthcare Center

*A Legacy of Caring  
since 1929*

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[www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org)

### Preakness Healthcare Center

is owned and operated by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Our mission is to provide the finest care to our patients and residents. We offer sub-acute care, physical rehabilitation, long-term care, behavioral management, Ventilator / Respiratory Care, Hospice and Palliative Care, and Respite services. Preakness Healthcare Center has been providing high-quality healthcare to the community since 1929.

## Autumn is in the Air at Preakness Healthcare Center



Preakness Healthcare Center

**Important Information**

**PREAKNESS  
NURSING**



**“24 Hours On Call” at 973-617-7496**

**Director of Nursing**

Suja Samuel

**Assistant Director of Nursing**

Daniel Nasulme

**Nursing Supervisors**

7-3 shift

Patrick Kuiken, Evelyn Lintag, Juan Saavedra, Hardeep Singh

3-11 shift

Mark DeloSantos, Damian Dymka

11-7 shift

Joven Baldevarona, Jessy Varghese

**Nursing Department Secretary**

Ibelise “Ibby” Grullon - 973-585-2190

**Sharon Link – MSW, LCSW**

**Director of Social Services 973-585-2148**

**PREAKNESS  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

<p><b>Sharon Link, MSW, LCSW</b> 3-200 (H Wing) 973-585-2148</p>	<p><b>Diane Vollenweider, MSW, LCSW</b> 1-300, 2-300 &amp; Pathway 973-585-2154</p>
<p><b>Joan Derramas, MSW, LCSW</b> Vent &amp; 1-400 973-585-2107</p>	<p><b>Tara Kadlur, BSW, CSW</b> 1-200 &amp; 2-200 973-585-2186</p>
<p><b>Gregory Komar, MSW, LSW</b> 3-400 &amp; 3-200 (G Wing) 973-585-2120</p>	<p><b>Barbara Cohen - MSW, LSW</b> 2-400 973-585-2112</p>
<p><b>Martha Gros, MSW, LCSW</b> Monday &amp; Thursday 10 am – 4 pm</p>	<p><b>Lucy Gambino, MSW, CSW</b> Wednesday 9:30 am – 4 pm</p>



**VISIT US ON-LINE!**

[www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org)

\* Click on the Preakness Healthcare Center tab\*

**State Survey  
Results**

Results of the most recent survey conducted by the NJ Department of Health, including the plan of correction in effect, are available for your review in the Main Lobby and rear entrance.



**#PreaknessStrong**

**THANK YOU,**  
*Preakness Healthcare Center* **STAFF!**

**Recognizing Our  
Dedicated Staff!**

**October 2020  
Staff Appreciation & Recognition**

<p><b>HEALTHCARE SECURITY AND SAFETY WEEK</b></p> <p>Happy National Healthcare Facilities &amp; Engineering Week</p>	<p><b>HEALTHCARE QUALITY week</b></p> <p>COLLABORATIVE HEALTHCARE Chaplains Complete The Picture</p>	<p>Celebrating National Healthcare Food Service Week</p> <p>Food &amp; Nutrition Services SUPERHEROES Serving You Goodness!</p>
<p>National Respiratory Care Week</p> <p>Respiratory Care</p>	<p>International Infection Prevention Week</p>	<p>CASE MANAGEMENT: patient-ORIENTED outcome DRIVEN</p>

- Healthcare Food Service Week - 10/11 - 10/17
- Healthcare Security and Safety Week - 10/11 - 10/17
- Case Manager Week - 10/11 - 10/17
- Infection Prevention Week - 10/12 - 10/20
- Healthcare Quality Week - 10/20 - 10/26
- Healthcare Facilities & Engineering Week - 10/20 - 10/26
- Respiratory Therapy Week - 10/22 - 10/28
- Pastoral Care Week - 10/25 - 10/31

**November 2020  
Staff Appreciation & Recognition**

<p><b>ACCOUNTING DAY</b> Promoting the profession of accounting and finance.</p> <p>Thank You, Business Office</p>	<p><b>NURSE PRACTITIONER</b></p> <p><b>NP</b></p> <p><b>NURSE PRACTITIONER</b></p>
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**NURSE PRACTITIONER'S WEEK!**  
November 8 - 14, 2020

**ACCOUNTING DAY**  
November 10, 2020

## Preakness Healthcare Center Outdoor Visitation

We appreciate the continued cooperation of our Preakness Healthcare Center Community as we make every effort to provide a safe visiting setting for our residents and their guests.



Visitation by appointment is scheduled daily, weather permitting, under the supervision.

**Appointments may be requested by calling [973-585-2145](tel:973-585-2145).**

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

3:30pm - 4:15 pm

**\*\*4:30pm visits are not available at this time. \*\***

**\*Visits for residents on ventilators are available M-F during the 1:30pm and 2:30pm time slots.\***

The phone messages are checked when staff are not in the office. As reminders, as per the NJ DOH Directive, visitors may not use facility restrooms nor may visitors or residents smoke or eat during the visit. Water may be brought in but may not be shared. Packages must be left at the Security desk for delivery after the visit. **Social distancing must be practiced during the visit and masks must be worn by staff, residents and visitors.** The Outdoor Visitation Policy may be obtained from the Passaic County website, [www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org), under Preakness Healthcare Center and are available in the front lobby of the facility.

### Essential Caregiver Visitation

Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, Assistant Executive Director, is continuing to review Essential Caregiver applications to incorporate how an Essential Caregiver may participate in the care of a resident. Feel free to call him at 973-585-2113 with any questions. As is required in many businesses, we must specify indoor capacity. We are able to schedule eight Essential Caregivers per day. Please be reminded that an Essential Caregiver visit may not be a social visit. At this point in time, Essential Caregiver visits are limited to once/week for a maximum of two hours. *For the safety of our residents, we urge you to be tested for COVID before your Essential Caregiver visit.*



## DJ Dance Party *Social Distancing Style*

Many thanks to Tyrone Buggs, Lamar Davis and Anthony "Tony" Sangster for working their magic!

The trio hosted 2 musical outdoor events on October 7, 2020 during family visits and October 15, 2020 in the Rotunda outdoor patio area. It has been nearly 8 months since we have been able to join together, but we made it happen safely while social distancing and wearing our masks.



**Stay Connected With**



**Contact Suzanne McEvoy  
to sign up for the**

**[Preakness Healthcare Center e-mail list!](#)**

973-585-2161      [smcevoy@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:smcevoy@passaiccountynj.org)



*Celebrating  
70 years  
of marriage*

Preakness Healthcare Center staff were excited to celebrate a major milestone for one of our Preakness couples.

Congratulations to John and Mamie P. as they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 9/24/2020.

When John was asked what the secret to happy marriage is he said, “No fights, no women and one sweetheart!”

***Cheers to 70 Years!***



**the burden of flu 2019-2020**

During the 2019-2020 flu season, CDC estimates flu caused:

**38**  
million  
flu illnesses

About the same as the population of California



**400,000**  
flu hospitalizations

About the same as the population of Miami, FL



**22,000**  
flu deaths

Enough people to fill Madison Square Garden in New York City



***Happy Thanksgiving***

***Sending warm, heartfelt wishes***

***from our home to yours.***



**get vaccinated**  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)