



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 13, 2021

*Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website and distributed through the Constant Contact email group for families who have elected to provide their email address and is distributed to all staff. Our Social Workers and Therapeutic Recreation staff distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it.*

As we continue to conduct facility-wide testing of all staff and residents regardless of vaccination status, one positive test result was received today from a test on August 9, 2021 for a resident who is fully vaccinated who lives on resident unit 3-200. 60 resident test results are pending from the tests this week. Our resident who tested positive was transferred to the 2-400 "C" positive unit. As of August 13, 2021, we have two staff with positive test results out of work (last test date of August 9, 2021).

Since we are in outbreak status conducting facility-wide testing, we must continue to suspend outdoor visitation. General indoor visitation must remain suspended until at least two additional rounds of testing of all residents and staff are completed. Compassionate or end of life visits may be scheduled at 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm and 4 pm. Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule compassionate or end of life visits.

On August 11, 2021, Dr. James Pruden, St. Joseph Hospital met with staff. He shared his experience with COVID and his vast knowledge about the disease process and the benefits of vaccination. Vaccines were available and six staff were vaccinated. Thank you Dr. Pruden!

On August 18, 2021, we will administer COVID-19 vaccines to residents and staff who have received the first vaccine (Moderna) and who have consented to receive the second vaccine. Vaccines will also be available for unvaccinated residents or staff who wish to receive the vaccine and who provide written consent. Please direct any questions to Mark de los Santos, Assistant Nursing Supervisor at 973-585-2199.

One of our residents recently celebrated his 99th birthday. With the permission of his family, we are wishing Robert Reinhardt, a Veteran of World War II who served in the Navy as a machinist mate, a very happy birthday! His naval experience included service at Pearl Harbor. Happy Birthday to Mr. Reinhardt and thank you for your service to secure our freedoms!!

If there are concerns or questions for the Resident Council and you need to reach Robert Herman, President, please call Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at 973-585-2124.

If you have an urgent call or complaint, please call Preakness Healthcare Center Security staff at 973-317-7023 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person. In addition, Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, Assistant Executive Director may be reached at 973-585-2113 or Daniel Nasulme, Acting Director of Nursing may be reached at 973-585-1409 to address any concerns.

Passaic County offers free COVID-19 testing for Passaic County residents, COVID vaccines and COVID Relief programs. Please see the Passaic County website ([www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org)) for the details.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff, their sacrifices and the continued support we receive during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director