



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, February 5, 2021  
**Celebrating Black History Month**

*Please Note:* This Update is posted on the Passaic County website, the Passaic County Facebook page, 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.

This Update is provided to share the results of resident and staff testing that were not available on the February 4, 2021 Update as well as the results from staff testing on February 5, 2021.

All resident results were received from the resident testing on February 1, 2021 through February 4, 2021. No additional residents tested positive.

All staff results from saliva testing on February 3, 2021 were received except ten results. There was one additional positive result for a Food Services Worker. On February 5, 2021, 393 staff were tested with antigen tests. All results were negative.

Next week, staff will be tested on Monday, February 8, 2021 with antigen tests and on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 with saliva tests.

The NJ Department of Health requested that we disseminate information on two virtual townhalls that the NJ Department of Health is hosting regarding vaccines. Participation is free:

- February 11 at 7 pm, specifically related to concerns in Black and Caribbean communities:  
<https://register.gotoebinar.com/register/1577234449455960077>
- February 15 at 7 pm specifically related to concerns in the Latinix community:  
<https://register.gotoebinar.com/register/565691448483659789>

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 to address any concerns.

Please call 973-585-2145 to speak with Lisandro Perez, Jr to schedule an outdoor visit, a compassionate visit or an end of life visit. Outdoor visitation may occur for residents who are not on isolation or quarantine. You may request an Essential Caregiver application from Mr. Perez.

Virtual visits or requests for hair salon services may be arranged by calling Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at 973-585-2124 or Lee Livingston, Senior Recreation Therapist at 973-585-2163.

Passaic County continues to offer free COVID-19 testing at home and at mobile sites for Passaic County

residents. Please see the Passaic County website ([passaiccountynj.org](http://passaiccountynj.org)) for the details.

Passaic County is also offering COVID vaccines for eligible patients. Registration:  
[passaiccountynj.org/COVIDvax](http://passaiccountynj.org/COVIDvax).

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff and the sacrifices they make 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