



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 19, 2021
Honoring the Legacy of Martin Luther King

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.

Next week, we will begin the second series of COVID-19 vaccination clinics with CVS on January 24, January 25 and January 30, 2021, from 10 am to 4 pm. Residents, staff and essential caregivers who received the first vaccine will receive their second vaccination. Please remember to bring the vaccination card. Residents, staff and essential caregivers may also receive the first vaccine on these dates with the second vaccine administered during the week of February 14, 2021.

This week, in recognition of the Martin Luther King holiday on January 18, staff are being tested with antigen tests on January 18 or January 22 in addition to January 20, 2021. On January 18, 2021, one nurse who worked on the 1-200 unit tested positive. One CNA who works on Pathway and was tested off-site on January 18, 2021 tested positive.

83 results are pending for residents for weekly tests that were completed through January 19, 2021. The last date when a resident tested positive was on January 10, 2021.

Resident units on quarantine are as follows:

- Unit 1-400 through January 23, 2021
- Unit 3-400 through January 22, 2021
- Unit 1-200 through January 31, 2021

- Please note: Essential caregiver visitation is suspended on all units until there have been 14 days without a positive resident, facility-onset, case.

Cristina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist is coordinating our COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Feel free to call Mrs. Hucalla at 973-585-2181 with any questions or to make a reservation for the next COVID vaccination clinics. We encourage all residents, staff and essential caregivers who do not have medical contraindications for the COVID-19 vaccine to be vaccinated.

Donna Parisi, President of the Resident Council has asked that if there are any concerns or questions for the Resident Council that a message be left with Sharon Link, Director of Social Services at 973-585-2148 and Ms. Link will inform Ms. Parisi.

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, weather-permitting. Outdoor visitation may occur for residents who are not on isolation or quarantine. Please be reminded that NJ has restrictions in place for those who travel from other states. Visitors from these states may not visit unless the person has completed the required quarantine period. You may request an Essential Caregiver application from Mr. Perez.

Virtual visits 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. If there is a request for hair salon services, you may direct the request to Ms. Zalenski or Ms. Livingston.

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) for the details.

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