



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, July 8, 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.

We were informed this afternoon that a C NA who works on resident unit 3-400 tested positive. Residents who had close contact with the staff will be placed on quarantine. With this positive test result, we are required to test all residents and all staff who have not been positive in the last three months regardless of vaccination status. This testing will be performed on July 8 and July 9, 2021.

With the exception of compassionate and end of life visitation, indoor visitation must be suspended pending the results of the tests. Outdoor visits may be scheduled at 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm for residents who are not on quarantine. Two visitors aged two and older who can wear a face mask and socially distance may visit outdoors. Compassionate visits may be scheduled at 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm and 4 pm. Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule outdoor, compassionate or end of life visits.

Residents who have a physician's order to go out on pass and are not on quarantine or isolation may do so. Please contact Tina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181 to discuss the process and receive the required education.

To date, 231 residents from a census of 264 residents and 386 of 500 staff are fully vaccinated.

On July 6, 2021, surveyors from the NJ Department of Health began our annual survey for Federal Medicare/Medicaid recertification. It is anticipated that the survey will conclude on July 14, 2021.

If there are concerns or questions for the Resident Council and you need to reach Robert Herman, President, please leave a message with 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 continues to offer free COVID-19 testing for Passaic County residents and COVID vaccines for eligible patients. 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