



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, May 19, 2021

Celebrating Older Americans Month, Mental Health Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Nurses Week and National Skilled Nursing Care Week

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.

During the NJ Department of Health webinar this morning, it was acknowledged that there was confusion with the language regarding outdoor visitation in the recent Executive Directive that seemed to make outdoor visitation more restrictive. It was clarified that outdoor visitation may occur for residents who are not on transmission-based precautions. The DOH will issue clarifying language. Beginning at 3:30 pm this afternoon, we will resume outdoor visitation. Please call 973-585-2145 if you wish to schedule an outdoor, compassionate or end of life visit.

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.

If there are concerns or questions for the Resident Council and you need to reach Theresa Nikithser, Vice President of the Resident Council, please leave a message with Sharon Link, Director of Social Services at 973-585-2148.

Virtual visits or hair salon requests 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 for Passaic County residents and COVID vaccines for eligible patients. Please see the Passaic County website (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