



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, September 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.

While continuing the required testing of residents and staff while we are in Outbreak status, we received one positive test result today for a C NA who worked on 3-400 and is not vaccinated. Due to the positive result, we must continue to suspend general indoor and outdoor visitation while we conduct additional testing of residents and staff. Residents were tested on September 6 and 7, 2021 and today. The results from the resident testing on September 6 and 7, 2021 were negative. Compassionate or end of life visits may be offered and scheduled. If you prefer that the compassionate visit occur outdoors, please include this in the message when you call to schedule the visit. Compassionate indoor visits may be scheduled at 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm and 4 pm. Compassionate outdoor visits may be scheduled at 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm or 4:30 pm. If you have special needs, please let us know. Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule compassionate or end of life visits.

Recently, Daphne Semet began her service to our residents as a Volunteer Advocate for the NJ Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman. Ms. Semet will visit at least once/week. Residents or family members may reach Ms. Semet by calling Jeffrey Findlay, Regional Program Coordinator for the Volunteer Advocate Program at 609-954-1512. All discussions with Ms. Semet are held in strict confidence.

The Resident Council meets as determined by the Executive Board of the Resident Council. The Executive Board for the Resident Council is Robert Herman, President; Theresa Nikithser, Vice President; Gail Smiecinski, Treasurer; Lucy Anderson, Secretary.

We are awaiting direction from the NJ Department of Health regarding the regulatory requirements for mandatory COVID vaccination of staff as well as the guidance for third doses of COVID vaccines and boosters. We will share the information when received.

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.

We wish our residents and their family members who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah a Happy New Year! 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