



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 3, 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.*

Since the last Update that included positive results received for two residents who are fully vaccinated and tested positive on July 20, 2021, we completed the required “round zero” of testing of residents and staff and are in the process this week of completing the “round one” testing. All results received from “round zero” were negative.

We were informed this afternoon that a CNA who is fully vaccinated and works on resident unit 1-200 tested positive during an off-site test. The last day that our CNA worked was on August 1, 2021. Residents who had close contact with the staff will be placed on quarantine. Residents and/or designated representatives will be notified.

General indoor visitation will remain suspended until at least two additional rounds of testing of all residents and staff regardless of vaccination status are completed. Compassionate or end of life visits may be scheduled at 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm and 4 pm. Outdoor visitation may be scheduled for residents who are not on transmission-based precautions at 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm. Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule outdoor, compassionate or end of life visits.

As announced by Governor Murphy on August 2, 2021, workers in health care facilities are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by September 7, 2021 or be subject to COVID-19 testing at a minimum of one to two times per week. Due to our outbreak status, we currently are testing all staff regardless of vaccination status once/week using antigen tests. To come into compliance with the vaccination mandate, effective September 7, 2021, unvaccinated staff will be tested at least two times/week taking into account the positivity rate of Passaic County. To date, our vaccination data are as follows:

- 243 residents of a census of 270 residents are fully vaccinated; 6 are partially vaccinated.
- 387 staff of 500 staff are fully vaccinated; 3 are partially vaccinated. Unvaccinated staff include 19 nurses and 63 CNAs.
- All physicians providing care to our residents are vaccinated.

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.

If there are concerns or questions for the Resident Council and you need to reach Robert Herman, President, please call 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 offers free COVID-19 testing for Passaic County residents, COVID vaccines and COVID Relief programs. 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