



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, as of April 21, 2020
(As of 4 pm)

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website, the Passaic County Facebook page and distributed to all staff. Our social workers will distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it. Notification of the Update will be made on the Constant Contact email group for families who have elected to provide their email addresses.

Yesterday, the NJ Department of Health released the report, "NJ Long Term Care Facilities with COVID-19 Cases (Updated 4/20/2020)" which included that Preakness Healthcare Center has 54 confirmed COVID cases and six COVID deaths. We have asked for clarification of how these figures were determined and whether the number of confirmed resident and staff cases were combined to total 54 cases. As of April 21, the following is our correct data:

- Fifty-nine residents have been tested. Thirty-six resident test results were positive, fifteen were negative and results are pending for eight residents. Twelve of the thirty-six residents have sadly passed away.
- Ninety-five staff have been tested. Thirty-nine staff test results were positive, forty-one were negative and results are pending for fifteen staff who have gone for testing or will go for testing this week. Several staff have returned from periods of at home-quarantine.
- Three residents who have tested positive are hospitalized.

Calls will continue to be made by nursing staff to the designated representatives for residents who are directly impacted by illness, testing or hospitalization. We will continue to test residents on-site who are clinically appropriate for on-site testing to give our physicians the timely information they need to treat residents who do test positive. We are continuing to cohort together residents who have tested positive, residents who are presumed positive pending test results and residents who do not exhibit any signs or symptoms of illness, and are grateful to the staff who are working on our quarantined unit. All residents who return from an emergency room visit will continue to be isolated on a separate wing of a resident unit for approximately fourteen days.

As always, we are grateful to our staff who continue to care for our residents and to our staff with responsibilities to support the direct care staff. Many thanks for the continued support of our residents and families during these challenging and emotional times.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA, Executive Director