



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, as of April 11, 2020
(As of 8 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.

We have now reached one month since we restricted visitors on March 8 to address the impacts of the insidious coronavirus and have continued to implement precautionary measures. To date, we have had nineteen residents with confirmed diagnoses of COVID-19. Five residents have sadly passed away. Seven are hospitalized. On April 8 and April 9, we tested seventeen residents. The results are pending.

This virus has also affected our staff. Twenty one staff are confirmed positive. Four staff have lost close family members to the virus, and, as we mourn for our residents who have passed away, we mourn with our staff for the loss of their family members. All staff, but especially the nursing staff, continue to work tirelessly to provide care to our residents notwithstanding the challenges and constraints this pandemic brings.

April should be a time of joyous celebrations for Passover and Easter. This year, for the first time in the many years I have been part of the Preakness family, we are not able to celebrate our resident and family dinner together. We thank our Dietary staff who colored eggs for our residents Easter breakfast and prepared candy bags for them. We also thank Fr. Jim who has "face-timed" with our residents from our parking lot and who celebrated a Good Friday service, alone, for our residents to view on our in-house television system.

Calls will continue to be made by nursing staff to the designated representatives for residents who are directly impacted by illness, testing or hospitalization. To mitigate the effects of this virus, 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.

We count among our blessings the selfless work of our staff. At this time, and as we approach Ramadan's time of prayers and introspection, please continue to keep all of our staff and residents in your prayers. As always, we appreciate the support of our residents and families.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA, Executive Director