



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 5, 2020
(As of 5 pm)

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website, the Passaic County Facebook page, 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.

We began the process yesterday to test asymptomatic residents in addition to symptomatic residents. Tomorrow we will test all of the residents on one of our resident units and will continue in the days to come until all residents have been tested.

Yesterday, one of our residents who was presumed to be positive passed away. As we do each time one of our residents passes away, we mourn for our resident and extend our condolences to her family and friends, including her co-residents at Preakness and to our staff who have cared for our resident for many years.

We are providing the following cumulative update for our 308 residents and 529 staff:

- Eighty-five resident test results were positive, sixty-six were negative (including six residents who were positive and on re-test are negative) and seven results are pending. Eighteen residents have passed away.
- Sixty staff test results were positive, fifty-eight were negative and results are pending for eight staff. Thirty-eight staff have returned to work.
- Five residents are hospitalized.

Calls are made by nursing staff to the designated representatives for residents who are directly impacted by illness, testing, hospitalization or who must temporarily move to a different room or unit to cohort residents together who test positive and residents who test negative. Of our ten resident units, three units are on quarantine with residents who have tested positive; three units are on precautionary isolation. Residents who return from an emergency room visit or an outpatient appointment are isolated on a separate wing of a resident unit for approximately fourteen days.

We continue to test residents on-site who exhibit any of the possible symptoms of COVID-19 or who are on a unit where residents have tested positive. We will continue to retest residents who have tested positive and have been symptom-free as directed by our Medical Director.

On May 8, Passaic County will offer all County staff who wish to be tested the opportunity to be tested. Preakness Staff may be tested at Preakness or at the County test center at William Paterson University.

We are thankful and fortunate that our residents have received a very generous donation of IPADS from the Wayne and Clifton Teachers Associations and a local Italian/American organization. The donation will greatly expand our ability to arrange more virtual visits each day. Suzanne McEvoy will share the details in the next issue of the Preakness Press.

We give thanks for our nurses on National Nurses Day (May 6) and each day for their selfless care of others and the sacrifices they make. May their work during this Pandemic inspire a new generation of nurses. Many thanks for the continued support of our residents, families, staff and the community during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Do Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director