



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 11, 2020

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.

Our Mothers' Day celebration was different from our usual norm of a large resident and family gathering. All female residents were presented with a rose and all female staff with a carnation. Thank you to Fr. Jim for celebrating a Mothers' Day mass (via our in-house TV system), to our Therapeutic Recreation Staff who facilitated the virtual visits and to our staff who gave up their own Mothers' Day celebrations to be at Preakness. When we are finally able to resume communal resident and family dinners, we will be scheduling the holiday dinners we have missed sharing with you.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 301 residents and 529 staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred two residents test positive for COVID-19. This includes eleven residents who have now tested negative, eighteen residents who tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was not tested but was presumed positive. Two hundred fifteen residents have tested negative.
- Seventy staff have tested positive and one hundred fifty-nine staff have tested negative. (Note: This negative number is less than reported in the May 9 update because some of the names were listed twice.)

Last week we retested fifteen residents who had tested positive for COVID-19. Five tested negative and are included in the cumulative count above. To meet the recent NJ Dept. of Health Guidance to discontinue transmission-based precautions for residents who were COVID+, in order to remove the precautions, we must have at least two consecutive tests taken more than 24 hours apart with negative results. We retested the five residents today and the results are pending.

On Saturday, we were informed that one of our residents who had tested positive and was hospitalized passed away in the hospital. Late last evening, one of our residents (who was not COVID positive) who has been with us since 2004 and the days of Building One, passed away. While I do not want to refer to any of our residents by a description of who is or is not COVID+ since our residents are unique individuals, there is an expectation from our regulatory agencies that you be informed when residents pass away with the COVID+ diagnosis. We offer our

heart-felt condolences to both families, their friends and co-residents of Preakness and to our staff who provided their care.

On Friday, May 15, we will once again offer staff the opportunity to be tested at Preakness.

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,

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Executive Director