



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 18, 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.

On Saturday evening, we were saddened by the passing of one of our residents who has been a resident on our mental health unit since 2012. Many staff have worked on her unit for much of the time she has been part of our family and have provided her care. We thank our staff for her care and offer our condolences to her family, her friends and her co-residents.

Today, we continued retesting our residents and tested residents who live on the 2-300 and 1-400 units. All results are pending. We will continue the testing this week for residents on all units except the units with residents who have tested positive. Residents who tested positive will be retested next week. Staff will also be tested this week.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 293 residents and 529 staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred five residents test positive for COVID-19. This includes eleven residents who were positive and have twice tested negative, twenty-one residents who tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was presumed positive. Two hundred eighteen residents have tested negative. Ten residents are hospitalized.
- Eighty-five staff have tested positive and two hundred eighty-nine staff have tested negative. Forty-seven staff have returned to work.

Clarification was received this morning from the NJ Department of Health regarding Executive Directive 20-013 that staff and residents who have not been tested as of May 1, 2020 must be tested to establish a baseline by May 26, 2020. Staff who refuse to be tested or to provide their test results may not work. Staff and residents who have tested positive are not required to be retested as per the Directive. However, we will continue to retest residents who have tested positive to determine when the transmission-based precautions may be discontinued and when our residents may move from the cohort units. Staff and residents who test negative must be retested within three to seven days after baseline testing until we have two consecutive incubation periods without new COVID-19 positive cases. Testing of staff and residents will occur weekly until further notice.

Apparently, there has been confusion based on the feedback I've received from families of what may be delivered for our residents. Sealed packages may be mailed or brought to our main entrance. The package must be suitable to be disinfected before it is brought to our residents. Feel free to call me if you have any particular concerns or questions.

Many thanks for the continued support of our residents, families, staff, the community and those who assist in the testing of residents and staff during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Do Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director