



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 30, 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.

The last few days have been days of mixed emotions as we continue to face the challenges of COVID. We were saddened on Thursday when we learned that one of our residents who was hospitalized passed away in the hospital. We thank our staff for her care and offer our condolences to her family, her friends and her co-residents. While still grieving for her passing, we had the opportunity on Friday to welcome back from the hospital two of our residents. One resident returned on hospice and our second resident returned after a lengthy hospital stay. We were encouraged that one of our residents who was COVID+ had his second negative test and returned to his previous unit welcomed back by our staff who have cared for him for many years.

This week residents and staff were retested on:

- 5/26: 1-200 and 2-200
- 5/27: 3-400 and Staff
- 5/28: 2-400 including respiratory (vent and trach) and 3-200
- 5/29: 1-400, 2-300 and Staff

Resident results were partially available today for 5/26; the results that were available are negative. The majority of results from 5/27 are still pending. No results were received for 5/28 and 5/29. Nursing staff will inform residents and their designated representatives on Monday of test results.

Staff results for the 373 staff who were tested at Preakness on 5/27 and 5/29 as part of the weekly requirement to test all staff who have never tested positive are still pending. We do have one additional staff who tested positive prior to the staff testing dates.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 294 residents and 529 staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred nine residents test positive for COVID-19. The cumulative total includes twelve residents who were positive and have twice tested negative, twenty-two residents who tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was presumed positive. Two hundred twenty-nine residents have tested negative. Four residents are hospitalized.

- Ninety-seven staff have tested positive. Fifty-four staff have returned to work.

Since many residents have had several negative test results, we developed a policy for residents who have recently tested negative and are not exhibiting any signs of illness who wish to go out in our rotunda courtyard under the supervision of staff. The policy includes requirements for nursing assessment prior to leaving the unit, the wearing of a mask while in route to the courtyard, a limit to the number of residents and staff who may be in the courtyard socially distanced and supervision by staff who will monitor hand hygiene and social distancing.

We are thankful to staff from the Passaic County Parks Department who built a raised garden bed in our courtyard for one of our residents who planted vegetables in the garden bed.

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