



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 17, 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.

*In this Veterans' month, we thank and acknowledge our residents and staff who are Veterans!*

Staff who previously did not test positive are tested on-site weekly. Staff due to their personal circumstances may obtain testing on their own. On November 16, 2020, we were informed by a CNA that she was tested on November 14 due to a family member testing positive and that her result was positive. Our CNA worked on resident units 2-300 and 3-200. Nursing management staff informed the residents and the designated representatives for the residents who received care from the CNA. Nursing staff will continue each shift to monitor all residents for any change in condition or symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

When the last Update was written, 76 results were pending from the weekly testing of residents on November 9 through November 12, 2020. All results received were negative. Four results are still pending. So far this week, residents were tested on November 16 and November 17, 2020. As of the time of this writing, 98 results are pending. Currently, there aren't any residents who are positive for COVID-19 in our Home.

When the last Update was written, 3 results were pending for staff tested on November 11, 2020. The results were received and were negative.

On November 16, the NJ Department of Health issued "Holiday Visitation Guidance". The Guidance includes that the DOH strongly recommends against families taking residents out of facilities for holiday celebration events or gatherings. Residents who leave the facility, as per the Guidance, must be quarantined in an observation room upon their return to the facility in accordance with CDC guidance. A resident who is in a private room or does not have a roommate may be quarantined in their room. If an observation room is not available, the facility is to notify the family that the resident may not return until a room is available. We currently have a 20-bed section of resident unit 2-400 that is designated as our observation unit. The census varies daily depending on the number of residents returning from hospital stays, from emergency room visits and for new admissions. We, therefore, cannot guarantee that a room will be available for residents returning from holiday celebrations. If you are contemplating taking a resident out for Thanksgiving holiday celebrations, please call me by November 20, 2020 to discuss your plans and timeframes and the anticipated availability of an

observation bed. The DOH is hosting a webinar on November 19, 2020 for facilities. If there is any change in their Guidance, I will communicate it to you.

If you have an urgent call or complaint, please call Preakness Healthcare Center Security staff at 973-317-7023 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person.

If you have questions related to Infection Prevention, please call Cristina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181.

Please call 973-585-2145 to speak with Lisandro Perez, Jr to schedule an outdoor visit or if your role as an Essential Caregiver has been approved, to schedule an indoor Essential Caregiver visit. Outdoor visits are weather-permitting.

Virtual visits may be arranged by calling Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at 973-585-2124 or Lee Livingston, Senior Recreation Therapist at 973-585-2163. If there is a request for hair salon services, you may direct the request to Ms. Zalenski or Ms. Livingston.

Passaic County continues to offer free COVID-19 testing at home and at mobile sites for Passaic County residents. Please see the Passaic County website ([passaiccountynj.org](http://passaiccountynj.org)) for the details.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff and the sacrifices they make and the continued support we receive during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong  
Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director