



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 21, 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!*

When the last Update was written, results were pending for 14 staff. On November 21, five negative test results, two inconclusive results and one positive result for a C NA were received. The two staff with the inconclusive test results were retested on November 21. The C NA who tested positive worked on resident units 3-200, 1-400, 1-200 and on the vent unit (9 days ago). Nursing management staff are in the process of informing 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.

Effective this evening, resident units 3-200, 2-300 and the 3-400 "B" section will be placed on quarantine status. In addition, the residents on units 1-200, 1-400 and 2-200 who were exposed to the CNAs who tested positive will be placed on transmission-based precautions. Please note:

- 1-200 resident unit: Indoor essential caregiver visitation is suspended until 12/2. Outdoor visitation is suspended only for the specific residents who were placed on transmission-based precautions until 12/2.
- 2-200 resident unit: Indoor essential caregiver visitation is suspended until 12/2. Outdoor visitation is suspended only for the specific residents who were placed on transmission-based precautions until 12/2.
- 3-200 resident unit: Indoor essential caregiver visitation and outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/2.
- 2-300 resident unit: Indoor essential caregiver visitation and outdoor visitation is suspended until 11/29.
- 1-400: Indoor essential caregiver visitation is suspended until 12/2. Outdoor visitation is suspended only for the specific residents who were placed on transmission-based precautions until 12/2.
- 3-400 resident unit: Indoor essential caregiver visitation is suspended until 12/2. Outdoor visitation is suspended for the residents on the "B" section until 12/2.

When the last Update was written, results were pending from the weekly testing of residents on November 16 through November 19, 2020. As of the time of this writing, 144 results are pending. The results that were received were negative. Currently, there aren't any residents who are positive for COVID-19 in our Home.

We learned this afternoon that one of our long-term residents passed away this morning in the hospital. Our resident and his wife, by whom he was predeceased earlier this year, both came to live with us in June 2018. During their time with us, we had the opportunity to share experiences with them and their families. We offer our condolences to his family and co-residents and thank our staff who have compassionately taken care of our resident.

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. As written in this Update, visitation is in accordance with quarantine and transmission-based precautions.

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, and especially during this time of Thanksgiving, 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. Happy Thanksgiving! ***Preakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director