



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 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.

When the last Update was written on November 28, test results were pending for ten staff and one physician. Six results are still pending. The two staff with inconclusive results were retested and their results were negative. One nurse was tested off-site due to a family member testing positive and the result was positive. Our nurse worked on resident unit 2-400.

Limited antigen testing was done on November 30, 2020 for staff as we await the Standing Order from the NJ DOH to accompany the NJ DOH Directive that was issued this morning. Two staff who work on resident units 1-200 and 3-400 tested positive: a Recreation Therapist and a Building Maintenance Worker. Positive antigen tests require a confirmatory test; both staff were retested today with saliva tests. Staff may not work while the results are pending.

On November 28, results for 149 residents were pending from testing on November 23 through November 26, 2020. 18 results are still pending. One resident's test result was positive. Our resident, who lives on the 3-400 "D" section, was moved to the 3-400 "C" section established as a COVID+ cohort unit. Nursing management staff informed the residents on 3-400 that a resident had tested positive on their unit and also informed the designated representatives for the residents on 3-400. Nursing staff will continue each shift to monitor all residents for any change in condition or symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Effective November 30, 2020, resident unit 1-200 was added to the units on quarantine status. *Please note:* Essential caregiver visitation is suspended on all units due to the "facility-onset" case of a resident who is positive for COVID-19.

- 1-200 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/14.
- 2-200 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended only for the specific residents who were placed on transmission-based precautions until 12/2.
- 3-200 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/2.
- 1-300 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended only for the specific residents who were placed on transmission-based precautions until 12/9.
- 2-300 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/2.
- 1-400: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/9.

- 2-400 resident unit excluding the vent unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/9.
- 3-400 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/9.

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. Outdoor visits are weather-permitting. As written in this Update, outdoor 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) 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