

Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, Sept 10, 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 September 8, one of our residents went to an emergency room for medical attention and in accordance with the ER protocol was tested for COVID-19. On September 9, we were informed that the test result was positive. While we cannot share identifying information, this resident had tested positive in April and tested negative multiple times in June. In the weekly testing of residents, no resident has tested positive nor, based on the staff test results received to date, have any staff who have cared for this resident tested positive. Resident test results have been received for the tests performed September 7 through September 9. All results are negative. The lab is now reporting resident test results within one to two days of test.

Staff were tested on September 9 and September 10. Approximately 75 % of the 222 results for staff tested on September 9 were received and are negative.

In the last Update, we shared that we had one staff who was considered a "person under investigation" due to a pending test result. Because the test result was negative, this staff member is no longer a "person under investigation".

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.

Please call 973-2145 to schedule an outdoor visit. Please be reminded that social distancing of six or more feet is required during the visit.

Passaic County continues to offer free COVID-19 testing at home for Passaic County residents and is also offering testing at mobile sites. Please see the Passaic County website for the details.

School has started and many of our staff will be assisting their children with remote/on-line learning. 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