



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, October 22, 2021

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website and 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.

UPDATE ON VISITATION

We have now received the results from the testing of staff and residents as required since the last positive test result on October 9, 2021 for a staff on resident unit 1-400. All results were negative. Therefore, effective October 22, 2021, general visitation may resume on all units except 1-400. Visitation hours are 10 am to 7 pm. These visits do not need to be scheduled. Two visitors at a time, ages two or older, may visit and all protocols for infection prevention must be followed. Visits may take place in a resident's room with the permission of a roommate, in the following areas if not in use by residents: activity rooms, sitting rooms, game room or library, or outdoors on the patio that is directly behind the main entrance. If you need assistance to transport a resident to the patio for an outdoor visit, please call 973-585-2145 to arrange for staff assistance.

For residents on unit 1-400, visitation continues as follows:

- Residents who are on transmission-based precautions may have scheduled compassionate or end of life visitation wearing all required personal protective equipment that we will provide. Outdoor visitation may not occur until the end of the precautions period.
- Residents who are not on transmission-based precautions may have scheduled compassionate or end of life visitation. Outdoor compassionate visitation may occur.
 - It may be possible to resume general visitation for residents on 1-400 on October 24, 2021.

Residents who are on transmission-based precautions on the observation unit on 2-400 or who are on transmission-based precautions on any other resident unit may schedule compassionate or end of life visits at 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm or 4 pm. If you have special needs, please let us know. Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule the visits.

We are continuing to offer COVID vaccination clinics on-site for residents and staff. Residents and/or their designated representatives who have provided consent will receive the Pfizer vaccine on October 22, 2021. The next scheduled vaccination clinic is on October 29, 2021. Vaccinations will not be provided without written consent. Vaccination questions or messages may be left on the phone number dedicated to COVID-19 vaccination: 973-585-2100. To date, our vaccinations are as follows:

- Residents: 257 residents are fully vaccinated; two are partially vaccinated. 65 residents have received a Pfizer booster.
- Staff: Of our 500 staff, 420 staff are fully vaccinated; five are partially vaccinated. 85 staff have

received a Pfizer booster.

Flu vaccines will be administered to residents and staff during the week of October 22, 2021. Consent is required.

Congratulations to Massiely Reyes, former LPN who achieved licensure as an RN and to Rockima English, former C NA who achieved licensure as an LPN!

We have resumed resident banking in the rotunda bank. Days/hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

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. In addition, Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, LNHA, Assistant Executive Director may be reached at 973-585-2113 or Daniel Nasulme, Director of Nursing may be reached at 973-585-1409 to address any concerns.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff, their sacrifices 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