



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, October 1, 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.

This afternoon we received a positive test result for one resident who was tested on September 27, 2021. Our resident lives on resident unit 3-400 and is fully-vaccinated. Our resident who tested positive was transferred to resident unit 2-400 "C", our positive cohort unit. Residents who were exposed to our resident were placed on transmission-based precautions. Nursing staff will inform the residents and/or their designated representatives.

Due to the positive result, residents on the 3-400 unit were tested this afternoon and evening with antigen tests and all results were negative. The antigen tests will be repeated on Monday, October 4, 2021. Ninety-nine test results are pending from the facility-wide tests that were performed on September 28 and September 29, 2021.

Compassionate or end of life visits may be offered and scheduled. Visitors to residents who are on transmission-based precautions will be provided with the appropriate personal protective equipment that must be worn during the visit. Residents on transmission-based precautions may not have outdoor visits. Compassionate indoor visits may be scheduled at 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm and 4 pm. Compassionate outdoor visits may be scheduled at 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm or 4:30 pm. If you have special needs, please let us know. Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule compassionate or end of life visits.

Tina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist and Nursing Supervisors Damian Dymka and Mark delos Santos are in the process of providing education and obtaining written consent from the residents and/or designated representatives who wish to receive a Pfizer booster vaccine or Moderna third dose for residents who meet the criteria for a Moderna third dose. Vaccination questions or messages may be left on the phone number dedicated to COVID-19 vaccination: 973-585-2100. Consent forms are available at the entrance Security desk or will be mailed or sent via email to designated representatives. Signed consent forms may be returned into the box at the entrance Security desk or by mail or email. The first date to begin the administration of the booster dose is October 7, 2021 for residents or staff who provide written consent. Staff or residents who wish to receive a first or second COVID-19 vaccine may also receive the vaccine on October 7, 2021. Additional vaccine clinic dates will be scheduled throughout October 2021. **Vaccinations will not be provided without written consent.**

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, 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. ***Breakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director