



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 26, 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

With hopes that you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, we share with you that the requirements of NJ Department of Health Executive Directive No. 21-012-1 that was issued late Wednesday evening. The Directive references the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Memorandum QSO-20-39 of new guidance for visitation during the public health emergency and includes the screening requirements/screening standards for all who enter a nursing facility. Attached please find out Visitation Policy that is updated in accordance with the CMS Memorandum and the NJ DOH Directive, as well as the required Visitor Screening Questionnaire. Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, LNHA, Assistant Executive Director, Tina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist or I am available to answer any questions.

We are continuing to offer COVID vaccination clinics on-site for residents and staff for first, second or booster doses. Residents and/or their designated representatives who have provided written consent or verbal consent that is witnessed by two nursing management staff will receive the vaccines. Our next clinic date is on December 1, 2021. Vaccination questions or messages may be left on the phone number dedicated to COVID-19 vaccination: 973-585-2100 or may be directed to Tina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist (973-585-2181). To date:

- 259 residents of a census or 279 residents are fully vaccinated; three are partially vaccinated. 138 residents have received a Pfizer, Moderna or J&J booster.
- Of our 500 staff (employed and contract, 425 staff are fully vaccinated. 131 staff have received a Pfizer booster.

On December 1 and December 2, 2021, the project to replace our electrical transformers with energy-efficient transformers will continue. The sequence of resident units on which the work will be done will be finalized on November 29, 2021 and will be communicated to our residents on the units. It is anticipated that the work will be completed in each area within three hours with minimal disruption. Resident equipment such as beds, concentrators, feeding pumps will be plugged into the red electrical emergency outlets before the work begins. Resident TVs will not be operational. Present on the units during the work will be our Facilities Director, Safety Coordinator and a Nursing Supervisor to address any issues.

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, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing may be reached at 973-585-1409 to address any concerns.

Happy Hanukkah to our residents, families and staff who will celebrate Hanukkah.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff, their sacrifices and the continued support we receive during these challenging and emotional times. And, special thanks for the understanding from our residents and their families as the regulatory directives and protocols for COVID continue to evolve.  
***Preakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director