



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 7, 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.

During the testing of unvaccinated staff with antigen tests on Monday, December 6, 2021, one positive result was received for a C NA who worked on resident unit 2-300. A confirmatory PCR test was done and the result is pending. All residents on the 2-300 unit who did not refuse testing were tested with an antigen test. All results were negative. The tests for the residents on this unit will be repeated twice within the next fourteen days. The next test date is December 14, 2021.

Residents on the 2-400 resident unit who were exposed to our staff member who tested positive on November 29, 2021 were retested on December 6, 2021 with either antigen or PCR tests. The antigen test results were negative. PCR test results are pending. The next test day is December 13, 2021.

Our next on-site COVID-19 Vaccination clinic will be on Friday , December 10, 2021. Pfizer, Moderna, Jansen (J&J) vaccinations are available 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. 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).

If you plan to decorate a resident's room, please review the safety requirements prepared by Frank Irizarry, Coordinator of Safety. The requirements are available at the main entrance desk or you may call Mr. Irizarry at 973-585-2117 with any questions.

The Pandemic has affected the American workforce. We currently have job opportunities for Nursing Supervisory positions, Social Services, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants and Food Services Workers. Feel free to provide my contact information to healthcare workers looking for a very rewarding career as a member of our team.

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.

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