



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 13, 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 weekly testing of unvaccinated staff with antigen tests, one positive result was received on December 10, 2021 for a C NA who worked on resident unit 2-300. Our C NA last worked on the 2-300 unit on December 7, 2021. A confirmatory PCR test was done and the result was positive. Residents on this unit were tested on December 7, 2021 and will be tested again on 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 tested again on December 13, 2021 with antigen or PCR tests. Antigen results were negative; PCR results are pending.

Our next on-site COVID-19 Vaccination clinics will be on Thursday, December 16, 2021 for *residents* and on Monday, December 20, 2021 for *staff* (*staff hours:* 1 pm to 4 pm). 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). To date,

- Residents (census of 280 residents): 258 residents are fully vaccinated; five are partially vaccinated; 194 have received a booster dose.
- Staff (498 employed and regularly scheduled contract staff): 429 are fully vaccinated; three are partially vaccinated; 151 have received a booster dose.

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