



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 29, 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 Update is written to share with you the results of testing of unvaccinated staff, testing of staff who worked with staff who tested positive, testing of residents who were exposed to staff who tested positive as well as staff who tested off-site. During the Outbreak that began on November 29, 2021 through December 29, 2021, three residents and fifty two staff have tested positive. Since the last Update on December 27, 2021, this includes one resident from resident unit 3-200, one Food Services Worker, one Stock Clerk, two Nurses (resident units 2-200, 3-400), one Nursing Supervisor, eight CNAs (resident units, 1-200, 2-200, 3-200, 3-400, Pathway), two Social Workers (resident units 1-200/2-200, 1-300/Pathway), one Recreation Therapist (resident unit 3-200), one Security Guard, one staff from Buildings and Grounds, one Clerical staff, two Environmental Services staff (1-300). Thirty-eight of the fifty-two staff are fully vaccinated; five had booster doses.

Due to holiday schedules, several staff have not had resident contact since the Christmas weekend. Our Director of Nursing and Infection Preventionist have contact-traced the exposure of residents by staff who tested positive and reviewed with our Medical Director to establish testing timeframes and transmission-based precautions. Nursing staff are in the process of contacting the designated representatives for residents who were exposed to the staff within a 48-hour timeframe. Daniel Nasulme, Director of Nursing (973-585-1409) or Tina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist (973-585-2181) may be called to discuss specific circumstances.

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!***

We wish our residents, families and friends a Happy Kwanza and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director