



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 10, 2022

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 morning we welcomed the team from the National Guard who have been deployed to assist our residents. They assisted residents today on units 3-200, 1-400 and 3-400. The team will be with us this week and we are appreciative of their support and assistance.

As we continue to test residents and staff, ten residents from units 1-200, 2-200 and 1-400 tested positive today.

Eight staff from our Dietary and Nursing Departments tested positive today. Six staff tested positive during the weekend from our Nursing, Security and Environmental Services Departments.

As of January 10, 2022 for the Outbreak that began on November 29, 2021:

- Twenty-eight residents tested positive. Twenty-seven residents are fully vaccinated; twenty-one had a booster.
- One-hundred twenty-four staff tested positive. Ninety-five staff who tested positive are fully vaccinated. Twenty-one staff had a booster.

Our Director of Nursing and Infection Preventionist contact-trace the exposure of residents by staff who test positive and review with our Medical Director to establish testing timeframes and transmission-based precautions. Nursing staff continue to contact the designated representatives for residents who were exposed to the staff or resident 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. Residents who test positive reside on resident unit 2-400 "C and D" during the quarantine period.

At this point in time and until further notice, we request that visitors be limited to two visitors at one time for each resident. If there are circumstances for which this is a hardship, please contact Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at 973-585-2124 and we will try to accommodate your request.

COVID vaccinations for residents and staff for first, second or booster doses are scheduled as we have enough residents and/or staff who wish to be vaccinated to use a full vial of the vaccine to avoid wasting doses of the vaccine. Vaccination questions or messages may be left on the phone number dedicated to COVID-19 vaccination: **973-585-2100**. *We encourage all residents, staff and visitors to be vaccinated and receive a booster dose if eligible.* Unvaccinated staff are tested twice/week. Antigen testing is available for visitors who wish to be tested.

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, and especially at this point in the Pandemic, 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