



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 27, 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.

The following is an Update as of January 27, 2022, of the Outbreak that began on November 29, 2021:

- Sixty-five residents tested positive. The last positive result was on January 26, 2022.
 - Sixty-two residents are fully vaccinated; forty-eight received a booster.
 - Eight residents have been hospitalized.
 - Fifty residents completed the transmission-based precautions and returned to their units.
 - Two residents passed away. Recently, our resident who has been part of our family since 2012 passed away. We offer our condolences to her family and thank our staff who have provided her care for many years.
- One-hundred fifty staff tested positive. The last positive result was on January 24, 2022.
 - One hundred-eighteen staff who tested positive are fully vaccinated; twenty-nine received a booster.
 - Two staff were partially vaccinated at the time of the positive test result.
 - One hundred thirty-eight staff were cleared to return to work.
- Six visitors tested positive.

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, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing (973-585-1409) 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 visits be limited to **two** visitors at one time for each resident and that visits occur during the hours of **8 am to 8 pm**. 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. If you prefer to visit in an area that is not a resident room, please speak with Ms. Zalenski and if an activity room or a space such as our game room is not in use by residents, we will try to schedule your visit in these rooms. Antigen testing is available for visitors who wish to be tested.

During February, we will offer COVID vaccination clinics for residents and staff every Wednesday. Vaccines are available for first, second or booster doses for residents and second or booster doses for staff. 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.*

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, Daniel Nasulme, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing may be reached at 973-585-1409 or Aleyamma John, RN, BSN, Assistant Director of Nursing may be reached at 862-345-5911 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