



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, February 14, 2022
Celebrating Black History Month and Valentine's Day

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 February 14, 2022 of the Outbreak that began on November 29, 2021:

- Sixty-six residents tested positive. The last positive result was on February 1, 2022.
 - Sixty-three residents were fully vaccinated; forty-nine received a booster.
 - Eleven residents were hospitalized.
 - Sixty-three residents completed the transmission-based precautions and returned to their units.
 - Three residents passed away. Recently, our resident who has been part of our family since January 2016 passed away. Our resident was predeceased in June 2020 by his wife who was also our resident. Our staff remember the constant care and affection he had for his wife. We offer our condolences to his family and thank our staff who have provided his care for many years.
 - As of February 14, 2022, there aren't any residents who have tested positive on the 2-400 positive cohort unit.

- One-hundred fifty-five staff tested positive. The last positive result was on February 1, 2022.
 - One hundred twenty-five staff who tested positive were fully vaccinated; thirty-two staff received a booster.
 - Two staff were partially vaccinated at the time of the positive test result.
 - One hundred fifty-three staff were cleared to return to work.

The deadline for all staff in CMS-regulated healthcare settings to be vaccinated with at least the first dose of a two dose COVID vaccine or the single dose of a one dose vaccine was January 27, 2022. To date, with the exception of staff who are on leaves of absence, staff who have been approved for religious or medical exemptions or staff who have religious or medical exemption applications pending, all staff have met the CMS mandate for COVID vaccination. For staff who received their first dose, second doses must be completed by February 28, 2022. In addition, in accordance with NJ Executive Directive, staff who are eligible for a COVID booster must receive the booster by February 28, 2022, unless an exemption is approved prior to this date.

- 433 staff are fully vaccinated; 20 are partially vaccinated.
- 19 staff have approved religious or medical exemptions.
- 220 staff received a booster vaccine dose.

COVID vaccination clinics for staff and residents are scheduled as follows:

- February 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 28, 2022 from 2 pm to 4 pm

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.*

We will celebrate Black History Month on February 16, 2022, with a presentation given by Lorraine Stone and a special luncheon. The presentation can be viewed on our inhouse television channel at 2 pm.

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, 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