



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, March 3, 2022
Celebrating Women's History Month

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.

As we approach the two year anniversary of the introduction of COVID-19 and the impacts from the Pandemic, we share in this Update that effective March 3, 2022, we are no longer in Outbreak status from the Outbreak that began on November 29, 2021. The last day that a resident or staff tested positive was on February 1, 2022. We continue to follow all precautionary infection prevention measures and regulatory requirements.

Since NJ Department of Health Executive Directive #283 was issued that requires all staff to be fully vaccinated and requires all staff who are eligible for a COVID-19 booster to receive the booster by February 28, 2022, unless an exemption was approved prior to this date, we have been working to meet this requirement. As of March 3, 2022, 93% of our staff who are eligible for the booster received the booster. On March 3, 2022, Governor Murphy issued Executive Directive #290 to extend the deadline for the boosters to April 11, 2022 or within three weeks of becoming eligible, whichever is later.

We are continuing to offer COVID-19 vaccines on-site for residents who wish to have a first, second or booster dose. Please contact Tina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181 to obtain the consent form for the vaccines and schedule the vaccine administration.

The NJ Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman recently notified us that Daphne Semet, Volunteer Advocate is no longer available to come to Preakness. Until another Volunteer Advocate is assigned, any concerns may be directed to 1-877-582-6995.

Congratulations to the following staff on their recent promotions:

- Magnus Bryan, Supervisor of Food Services, Evening Shift
- Latinya Sinclair, Supervisor of Food Services, Day Shift
- Nadia Hapatsha, Assistant Nursing Supervisor, Day Shift
- Mary Nutakor, Assistant Nursing Supervisor, Evening Shift

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