



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, April 6, 2022
Celebrating National Arab American Heritage 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.

Since the last Update, there has been one positive COVID test result for a staff who works off-site and does not have resident or staff contact. We continue to follow all precautionary infection prevention measures and regulatory requirements.

We are in the process of preparing to provide boosters to residents in accordance with the CDC updated recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least four months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. The CDC recommends that adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least four months ago may receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccines will be offered on-site with the consent of the resident and/or legal representative or designated representative. Vaccine questions or messages may be left on voicemail **973-585-2145**. Your call will be returned by a nursing supervisor.

Following COVID protocols for resident gatherings, the schedule for Holy Week, Passover and Ramadan is as follows. All services and masses are at 2 pm in the main dining room except as noted. Masses and services are limited to resident participation without visitors present.

- Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022
- Passover Prayer Service, April 12, 2022 at 1:30 pm
- Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022
- Good Friday, April 15, 2022
- Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022
- Ramadan Prayer Service, April 25, 2022

We wish all who are observing Ramadan a blessed Ramadan. On May 2, 2022, we will celebrate Eid al Fitr, the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast, with a special luncheon for residents and staff.

The Pandemic has affected the American workforce. In addition, several staff who have provided many years of service to our residents are planning retirements. We currently have job opportunities for Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Recreation Therapy Aides, Security Officers and Food Service

Workers. Feel free to provide my contact information to healthcare workers looking for a very rewarding career as a member of our team.

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