



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, April 26, 2022
Celebrating National Arab American Heritage Month
and National County Government 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.

This Update is written to share with you that on April 24, 2022, a staff in a management support position tested positive for COVID. Due to the scope of responsibilities, there wasn't resident contact.

Residents who were exposed to a nurse who tested positive on April 19, 2022 and who works on our unit with residents who are on ventilators were tested on April 21, 2022. All results were negative. Residents on this unit were also tested on April 26, 2022. We continue to follow all precautionary infection prevention measures and regulatory requirements.

As a reminder, we will offer boosters to residents and staff 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.

Thank you to Imam Mohammed Al-Fali for the prayer service for Ramadan on April 25, 2022. 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.

On April 27, 2022, we will celebrate National Arab American Heritage Month with a special luncheon for residents and staff. In addition, we will have musical entertainment at 2:30 pm in our main dining room.

Weather-permitting, we will celebrate the opening of the baseball season on April 29, 2022 with a celebration in our Rotunda patio. On May 5, 2022, "Cinco de Mayo", we will celebrate with a special luncheon for residents and staff. In addition, we will have musical entertainment at 2:30 pm in our main dining room. Following COVID protocols, all celebrations are limited to resident participation without visitors present.

Congratulations to Rose Volcy and Marcia Valesse on their achievement of RN licensure!

On May 4 and May 5, 2022, the work to replace electrical transformers with energy-efficient transformers will continue. On May 4, 2022 the emergency power transformers for resident unit 2-400 “B” section (rooms 2-401 through 2-411) will be replaced in the morning. The emergency power transformers for resident units 1-200, 2-200 and 3-200 will be replaced on May 4, 2022 in the afternoon. On May 5, 2022, the emergency power transformers for resident units 1-400, 2-400 and 3-400 will be replaced in the morning. On May 5, 2022, the transformers for non-emergency power for resident unit 2-400 will be replaced in the afternoon. It is anticipated that the work will be completed with minimal disruption. Resident TVs will not be operational on resident unit 2-400 when the work is one during the afternoon of May 5, 2022. Present on the units during the work will be our Facilities Director, Safety Officer and a Nursing Supervisor to address any issues.

On May 2, 2022, work to install solar panels on sections of the roofs and on the ground behind our entrance patio will begin. Much of the work during the first week will be the preparation for the project such as setting up a construction trailer, bringing in materials and securing the worksites. We will update you as this project progresses.

We currently have job opportunities for Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Recreation Therapy Aides, Security Officers, Food Service Workers and a Medical Records Administrator. Feel free to provide my contact information to healthcare workers looking for a very rewarding career as a member of our team.

The NJ Long-Term Care Ombudsman is offering a free webinar on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The topic is “The 25 Most Common Nursing Home Problems and How to Resolve Them”. Please see the website www.nj.gov/ooie for information.

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