



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 19, 2022

Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander 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.

This Update is written to inform you that one staff tested positive for COVID-19 since the last Update. On May 18, 2022, a nurse in a supervisory position was informed of a positive test result. The last day of work prior to the test result was May 15, 2022. The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Nine staff have tested positive. The nine staff completed the primary series of vaccination. Six of the nine staff received boosters. To date, no residents have tested positive. We continue to follow all precautionary infection prevention measures and regulatory requirements.

Recently, four visitors informed us of positive test results after visiting residents. Residents who were exposed to the visitors were tested. We have antigen tests available for visitors who wish to be tested prior to visiting. If interested, please inform Security staff when you arrive for the entrance screening.

We continue to offer COVID-19 Vaccines to residents and staff in accordance with current CDC recommendations. Please call Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181 for additional information.

On May 24, 2022, we will celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a special luncheon for residents and staff and a DJ Dance party for residents.

On May 25, 2022, we will celebrate with our annual Memorial Day Parade. In addition, the Passaic County Commissioners will honor our Veterans with a Distinguished Medal Ceremony. Visitors may attend with our residents. Visitors who wish to park in the front visitors parking lot should arrive by 10:15 am. The parade will begin at 11 am. Rain Date is May 26, 2022. Please call Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at 973-585-2124 for additional information.

Congratulations to Haydee Guzman on her achievement of RN licensure. Welcome to Marc Georges, RN, BSN, Assistant Nursing Supervisor, evening shift and Zaynab Bakir, Unit Clerk.

Frank Irizarry is our Safety Coordinator. He can be reached at 973-585-2117 if there are questions regarding items that are appropriate for resident rooms or any safety concerns.

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.

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