



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, June 21, 2022

Celebrating Certified Nursing Assistants Week

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.

On June 20, 2022, three staff tested positive: one staff in an administrative nursing position, one in an administrative business position and one staff with maintenance responsibilities. The staff are fully vaccinated and up to date with booster requirements. Due to the nature of the staff's responsibilities, there wasn't close resident contact.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Sixteen staff and one resident have tested positive. Fifteen of the sixteen staff completed the primary series of vaccination; one has an approved exemption. Eleven staff received boosters; one received a second booster. We currently do not have any residents who are positive for COVID-19. We continue to follow all precautionary infection prevention measures and regulatory requirements.

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