



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, July 11, 2022

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.

Two staff tested positive for COVID-19 since the last Update. On July 8, 2022, one rehab staff tested positive; last day worked was on July 7, 2022. On July 11, 2022, one C NA tested positive upon return from vacation; last day worked was on June 30, 2022. Nine staff are currently out of work. Two residents who tested positive on July 2, 2022, are on the positive cohort unit on 2-400 "C".

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Thirty staff and four residents have tested positive. Twenty-six of the thirty staff completed the primary series of vaccination; four have approved exemptions. Twenty-one staff received first boosters; two received a second booster. All four residents completed the primary series of vaccination. Three residents received a first booster.

Residents who are on the positive cohort unit may have visitors wearing the required personal protective equipment that we provide on the unit.

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.

Each day, weather-permitting, staff accompany residents who wish to go outdoors on the rotunda patio during the hours of 1:30 to 4:00 pm. The use of the rotunda patio is limited to residents. Residents who wish to visit outdoors with their guests may use the patio that is directly behind the main entrance. This patio is open during times that it is light outdoors. Three visitor enclosures were installed to provide covered visiting areas.

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. A Nursing Supervisor is available for emergent issues by calling the nursing supervisor cell phone, 973-617-7496.

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