



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, July 26, 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.

Since the last Update, one staff tested positive for COVID-19. On July 25, 2022, an Environmental Services Worker tested positive; last day worked was on July 22, 2022. Due to the nature of the work, there wasn't close contact with residents.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Thirty-three staff and four residents have tested positive. Twenty-eight of the thirty-two staff completed the primary series of vaccination; five have approved exemptions. Twenty-three staff received first boosters; two received a second booster. All of the residents completed the primary series of vaccination. Three of the four residents received a first booster. One staff is currently out of work. We currently do not have any residents who have tested positive.

On Saturday, July 23, 2022, the Wayne Rotary brought "Santa and Mrs. Claus" assisted by many elves to celebrate "Christmas in July" with our residents. We welcomed the return of the Wayne Rotary and missed their pandemic-related absence during the past two years. Our residents were treated to a fun-filled musical afternoon, gifts and the delight of seeing Santa. Many thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for leaving the North Pole to spend a hot summer afternoon with us, and to the Wayne Rotary for their generosity!

Following the on-going pandemic precautions, musical events are returning for our residents. Angel Laboy and Marcus presented a Latin Music Festival on July 25, 2022. Joining them in the musical selections was our 100-year-old resident Nate who played the bongo drum!

Earlier this month, National Laundry Workers Week was recognized. Although a commercial laundry service processes our linen and resident clothing, we have several staff who support our residents for linen and laundry services. We recognize and appreciate their work!

The NJ Long-Term Care Ombudsman will host a free webinar on "COVID-19 Outbreaks and Boosters in Long-term Care Facilities" on July 28, 2022, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Information is available at [ltco.nj.gov](http://ltco.nj.gov).

During the past eight years, our Home has been maintained by our Facilities staff under the direction of Scott Pinto. With more than thirty years of service to Passaic County, Scott Pinto will retire at the end of this month. Whether there was an emergency, a routine matter, a blizzard or tropical storm, a construction project, a pandemic, a resident event or the opportunity to "volunteer" at a resident/family holiday dinner, 24 hours/day, Scott Pinto has met the needs of our residents with

compassion and professionalism. *With much gratitude*, we wish him health and happiness in retirement!

We extend our best wishes to residents, staff and families who will celebrate the Islamic New Year.

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. Antigen tests are available for visitors who wish to be tested. Please inform the Security staff when visiting.

Job opportunities are available 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