



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, July 29, 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 resident and two staff tested positive for COVID-19. On July 28, 2022, a resident who was admitted on July 26, 2022, tested positive. Our resident is currently hospitalized. On July 27, 2022, a Food Services Worker tested positive. Due to the nature of the work, there wasn't close contact with residents. On July 28, 2022, a nurse with management responsibilities tested positive. Residents who had close contact with the nurse were tested on July 28, 2022 and will be retested following CDC requirements.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Thirty-five staff and five residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Twenty-six staff received first boosters; three received a second booster. Four residents received a first booster; one received a second booster. Three staff are currently out of work.

Each year, Passaic County partners with agencies and schools to provide donated school supplies to children. This year's partnerships are with the Military Family Assistance Program of Passaic County, the Highland Family Success Center in West Milford, the Paterson Task Force for Community Action, YCS in Paterson and the Mental Health Association of Passaic County/Consumer Parent Support Network in Clifton. Donation receptacles will be placed in our main and employee entrances beginning next week for those who wish to donate supplies. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

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. To date, 72 residents and 105 staff have received second boosters. 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.

Perseverance Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director