



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 14, 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.

Nine residents and two staff tested positive for COVID-19 since the last Update. The nine residents live on resident unit 1-400 and tested positive on August 12 through August 14, 2022. The two staff tested positive on August 13, 2022 and include a Recreation Therapy Aide who worked on resident unit 1-400 and a C NA who worked on resident unit 2-400 with residents who are ventilator-dependent or who have tracheostomies. The last dates of work for the staff were on August 12, 2022. Residents and staff who live on units 1-400 and 2-400 were tested and will be retested following CDC requirements.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Forty staff and twenty-one residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Thirty-one staff received first boosters; four received a second booster. Eighteen residents received a first booster; nine received a second booster (seven boosters were received within fourteen days of the positive test results). Four staff are currently out of work. Our residents who tested positive are residing on 2-400, "C" section, the section for residents who test positive for COVID. Visitors to this unit are required to wear the personal protective equipment that is provided by staff.

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, 119 residents and 124 staff have received second boosters. Antigen tests are available for visitors who wish to be tested. Please inform the Security staff when visiting if you wish to be tested.

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,

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