



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, June 27, 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, two staff tested positive for COVID-19. On June 24, 2022, one staff in an administrative support position tested positive. The one resident who was exposed to the staff has been tested and will be tested again following the CDC recommendations for testing. On June 27, 2022, one staff with maintenance responsibilities tested positive. Due to the nature of the staff's responsibilities, there wasn't close resident contact.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Eighteen staff and one resident have tested positive. Sixteen of the eighteen staff completed the primary series of vaccination; two have approved exemptions. Twelve 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.

Last week, we said good-bye to one of our residents who has been part of our family since December, 1992. We offer our condolences to her family and thank our staff who have taken care of her for twenty-nine years.

Please join us in welcoming Dawn Allen, Medical Records Director.

Congratulations to Nadia Hapatsha, RN, BSN on her achievement of a BSN degree. We applaud her efforts to pursue higher education while working through the demands of the Pandemic and while beginning a new role as an Assistant Nursing Supervisor.

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