



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, September 2, 2022
Celebrating Labor Day

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.

On September 1, 2022, a C NA who worked on our Pathway unit and resident unit 1-300 tested positive; last day worked was on August 31, 2022. Residents and staff who had close contact were tested and will be retested following CDC requirements.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Forty-nine staff and twenty-five residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Forty staff received first boosters; eight received a second booster. Twenty-two residents received a first booster; twelve received a second booster. Four staff are currently out of work. One resident who tested positive is residing on 2-400, "C" section. Visitors to this unit must wear personal protective equipment which is provided on the unit.

The bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines that are formulated to improve coverage of Omicron received emergency use authorization. The vaccines are expected to be delivered in September. The NJ Department of Health will discuss the use of the bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines with long-term care facility staff on September 7, 2022. We will share the information after the NJ DOH presentation. It is our understanding that the boosters currently available that are not bivalent may no longer be offered as boosters and that these booster vaccines will be replaced by the bivalent booster vaccines. We are, therefore, not offering booster vaccines at this point in time.

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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