



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 31, 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. On August 29, 2022, a C NA who works on resident unit 2-200 tested positive; last day worked was on August 26, 2022. On August 30, 2022, a Social Worker who did not have resident contact tested positive.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Forty-eight staff and twenty-five residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Thirty-nine 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.

On August 26, 2022, the NJ Department of Health, through the nursing associations, announced that the bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines should be delivered early in September and should be administered within 14 days of receipt. The vaccines are formulated to improve coverage of Omicron and are pending Emergency Use Approval. The NJ DOH also advised that flu vaccines should be administered in mid-September. We will provide updated information when it is released.

We continue to offer the COVID-19 vaccines and boosters that are currently available to residents and staff in accordance with CDC recommendations. Please call Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181 for additional information. Antigen tests are available at no cost for visitors who wish to be tested. Please inform the Security staff when visiting if you wish to be tested.

As a reminder, masks must be worn at all times unless a visitor is within a resident's room, without a roommate present, and the resident and visitor are up-to-date with vaccination. Staff must wear masks at all times unless alone in an office or other room. The rotunda area may not be used for meals at this point in our Outbreak status.

On September 11, 2022, Patriot Day and Grandparents Day, the North Jersey Concert Band will provide a concert for our residents beginning at 2 pm. The concert will held outdoors. Visitors may attend with our residents. Visitors who wish to park in the front visitors parking lot should arrive by 1:30 pm.

Thank you to all who donated school supplies for the agencies and schools that Passaic County has partnered with to provide school supplies to children!

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