



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 16, 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.

Two residents who live on resident unit 1-400 and on unit 2-400 tested positive for COVID-19 since the last Update. In addition, three staff tested positive. The three staff include one Building Services Worker who worked on resident unit 2-200, one C NA who worked on resident unit 1-400 and one staff in an administrative support position. The last dates of work for the staff were on August 14, 2022, and August 15, 2022. We are continuing to test residents and staff who have had close contact with residents or staff who have tested positive for COVID.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Forty-three staff and twenty-three residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Thirty-four staff received first boosters; six received a second booster. Twenty residents received a first booster; eleven received a second booster. Seven 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, 120 residents and 127 staff have received second boosters. 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.

Resident musical events and barbeques that were scheduled during the remainder of August have been postponed until September. For the remainder of the month, Fr. James Moss will celebrate virtual masses that may be viewed on our in-house television channel on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Each day, weather-permitting, staff accompany residents who wish to go outdoors on the rotunda patio during the hours of 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The use of the rotunda patio is limited to residents. Residents who wish to visit outdoors with their guests may use the patio that is directly behind the main entrance.

For our visitors who come to Preakness from Central Avenue onto Oldham Road, please be advised that there will be a detour on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, beginning at 8 am for a water main repair by the utility company. The duration of the detour is not known 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.

Perseverance Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director