



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 11, 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.

One resident tested positive for COVID-19 since the last Update. Our resident lives on resident unit 1-300 and had a primary series of vaccination. With the exception of two residents who refused testing, all residents on 1-300 were tested and will be tested again following CDC requirements. All staff who worked on the 1-300 unit during the past 48 hr. are in the process of being tested and will also be retested following CDC requirements.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Thirty-seven staff and twelve residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Twenty-eight staff received first boosters; three received a second booster. Nine residents received a first booster; one received a second booster. One staff is 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.

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, 115 residents and 121 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.

The New Jersey Long-Term Care Ombudsman has created a brochure about the rights of LGBTQI residents and residents living with HIV in New Jersey's long-term care facilities. Copies will be available at the main entrance Security desk and at the nursing stations. The brochure is available on the Ombudsman's website, ltco.nj.gov.

Casino Day is scheduled for August 12, 2022. Games will include "Blackjack, Roulette, Poker and Slot Machines". Because we are in Outbreak status, participation is limited to residents and staff.

The Passaic County Fair will be held at Garret Mountain, August 11, 2022 through August 14, 2022. Information is available on the Passaic County website, passaiccountynj.org. Our staff will be in the County's Health Department Tent #1. Please come visit us!

As a reminder, Passaic County has partnered with agencies and schools to provide donated school supplies to children. Donation receptacles are in our main and employee entrances for those who wish to donate supplies. Thank you for your anticipated generosity!

Job opportunities are available 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. 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