



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 2, 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 staff and one resident tested positive for COVID-19 since the last Update. On August 1, 2022 during the entrance screening of staff, a Food Services Worker tested positive. Due to the nature of the work, there wasn't close contact with residents. On August 2, 2022, a positive test result for a resident was received from a test taken on August 1, 2022. Our resident was the roommate of our resident who tested positive on July 28, 2022. Staff who had close contact with our resident will be tested following CDC requirements.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Thirty-six staff and six residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Twenty-seven staff received first boosters; three received a second booster. Four residents received a first booster; one received a second booster. Four staff are currently out of work. Our two 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, 72 residents and 110 staff have received second boosters. Antigen tests are available for visitors who wish to be tested. Please inform the Security staff when visiting.

Several special resident events are planned:

- On August 5, 2022, there will be a harp musical performance.
- We will have a Fashion Show on August 8, 2022, that will include residents and staff as models. The Show has been arranged by resident Cynthia C. with assistance from Lee Livingston, Sr. Recreation Therapist, and a team of staff. Musical entertainment will be provided.
- Casino Day is scheduled for August 12, 2022. Games will include "Blackjack, Roulette, Poker and Slot Machines".

The resident events are in our main dining room beginning at 2 pm. Because we are in Outbreak status, participation is limited to residents and staff.

Each year, Passaic County partners with agencies and schools to provide donated school supplies to children. This year's partnerships are with the Military Family Assistance Program of Passaic County, the Highland Family Success Center in West Milford, the Paterson Task Force for Community Action, YCS in

Paterson and the Mental Health Association of Passaic County/Consumer Parent Support Network in Clifton. 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