



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, September 13, 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.

On September 12, 2022, one staff in a contracted administrative support position, one staff who works with ancillary clinical personnel and one nursing staff who works on our unit with residents who are ventilator-dependent tested positive. The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Fifty-two staff and twenty-five residents have tested positive. Three staff are currently out of work. We do not have any residents who are positive for COVID-19 at this point in time.

On September 7, 2022, the New Jersey Department of Health explained that the bivalent Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccines are recommended to be given to residents and staff as a single booster dose at least two months after completing primary or booster vaccination. We are awaiting delivery of the bivalent booster vaccine. Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist and the team of Nursing Supervisors who will assist him to administer the booster vaccines will contact the resident/designated representative for the resident for consent to administer to those who are eligible to receive the booster.

We will begin to administer flu vaccines this week to residents with the consent of the resident/designated representative for the resident. Staff are required by New Jersey regulation to receive the flu vaccine or have an exemption in accordance with New Jersey regulation. Staff vaccination dates will be scheduled after resident vaccinations are completed.

On September 11, 2022, we were fortunate to have the North Jersey Concert band perform a medley of songs and marches for our residents and their guests. Thank you to our staff who assisted to change the concert venue to the main dining room due to the weather, and to all our staff who assisted our residents to attend the event. On September 14, 2022, at 2 pm, our Country Fair will return to the main dining room and we will welcome back the "petting zoo" to the courtyard adjacent to the dining room. On September 16, 2022, at 2 pm, we will have a musical birthday celebration in the main dining room. On September 22, 2022, at 2 pm, we will wish Sister Pat health and happiness in retirement after 34 years of service to our residents with a celebration in the main dining room. We have resumed our trips into the community --- residents went to the Meadowlands racetrack on Saturday evening and are shopping at the dollar store. Veteran residents will attend the Passaic County Veteran's Appreciation Day at Camp Hope on September 30, 2022.

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.

***Prekness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director