



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, October 4, 2022  
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and Octoberfest

*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 October 3, 2022, one C NA tested positive during the testing of staff who are not “up to date” in accordance with the revised CDC definition for COVID vaccination “up to date status”. Our CNA worked on resident unit 2-400 with residents on ventilators. On October 4, 2022, three residents who live on unit 3-400 tested positive. Our residents who tested positive are residing on unit 2-400 “C” section. Visitors to unit 2-400 “C” must wear personal protective equipment which is provided on the unit. Residents and staff with whom our CNA or residents had close contact who were not positive within the last 90 days will be tested in accordance with regulatory requirements.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Fifty-six staff and twenty-eight residents have tested positive. One staff is currently out of work.

Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist is in the process of administering the bivalent booster vaccines to those who are eligible to receive the booster and consent to receive it. Staff who are not up to date must test twice/week in accordance with our posted schedules.

Mr. Kuiken is also administering influenza vaccines to residents who consent to receive it. Staff influenza vaccination will begin on October 7, 2022. New Jersey mandates that staff must receive an annual influenza vaccine or have an exemption in accordance with the New Jersey regulation.

The New Jersey Department of Health expanded the “Docket” App to give individuals the option to access all of their vaccination records that are recorded in the State’s immunization records system. New Jersey offers the App on the Apple App Store and on Google Play at no cost.

We wish our residents, their families and our staff who are observing Yom Kippur a blessed year.

Our future resident events include:

- A rock ‘n roll dance party on October 5, 2022
- Octoberfest celebration on October 7, 2022, with a special luncheon and a musical celebration
- Italian Heritage celebration on October 12, 2022, with a special luncheon and a musical celebration

- A visit by “Michael Jackson” on October 14, 2022
- A visit by “Elton John” on October 22, 2022

Except for luncheons that are served on resident units, all celebrations take place in our main dining room at 2 pm. Residents’ guests who wear a mask completely covering their nose and mouth may participate in the celebrations in the main dining room. Please note: cloth masks are not permitted.

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