



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, September 16, 2022  
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

*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 13, 2022, a C NA was tested and received a positive result on September 14, 2022. Our C NA worked on 1-400, 2-300 and 2-200. Residents with whom our C NA had close contact who were not positive within the last 90 days were tested and will be retested in accordance with regulatory requirements. The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Fifty-three staff and twenty-five residents have tested positive. Four staff are currently out of work. We do not have any residents who are positive for COVID-19 at this point in time.

Nursing facilities are expected to administer the COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccines to those who consent to receive the vaccines within 45 days of the Federal emergency use authorization. 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 are contacting the resident/designated representative for the resident for consent to administer to those who are eligible to receive the booster. Mr. Kuiken is also contacting the resident/designated representatives for residents to administer flu vaccines to residents with the consent of the resident/designated representative for the resident. Staff are required to receive the flu vaccine or to have an exemption in accordance with the New Jersey regulation. Staff vaccination dates will be scheduled after resident vaccinations are completed.

On September 14, 2022, after a three-year hiatus, our Country Fair returned. Thank you to our staff who assisted with this event and especially to our Facilities, Security, Environmental Services and Safety staff who guided the animals into and out of the patio. The alpaca starred in many "selfies". Our future events include:

- Sister Patricia's Retirement Party on September 22, 2022
- A visit by "Elvis" on September 23, 2022
- Hispanic Heritage celebration on September 28, 2022, with a special luncheon and a Latin dance party
- 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.

*Congratulations to Stephanie Wallace, C NA on her educational accomplishments by earning her Master of Public Health degree and becoming certified as a REHS (Registered Environmental Health Specialist) and CHES (Certified Health Education Specialist)!*

We will be participating at Wayne Day, on September 18, 2022, at the Wayne Valley High School. Please visit us if you are attending the event.

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