



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 25, 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.

Since the last Update, on August 23, 2022, two staff tested positive. On August 23, 2002, one Food Services Worker tested positive; last day worked was on August 23, 2022. On August 24, one C NA who works on resident unit 1-400 tested positive; last day worked was on August 19, 2022.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Forty-six staff and twenty-four residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Thirty-seven staff received first boosters; seven received a second booster. Twenty-one residents received a first booster; twelve received a second booster. Five staff are currently out of work. Our residents who tested positive are residing on 2-400, "C" section. Visitors to this unit must wear personal protective equipment which is provided on the unit.

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. Antigen tests are available at no cost for visitors who wish to be tested. Please inform the Security staff when visiting if you wish to be tested.

Residents and/or their families who wish to reserve a room for a gathering may call Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at 973-585-2124. If available, our 1st floor game room may be reserved for a resident and five guests. Residents and up to ten guests may reserve the patio directly behind the main entrance. At this point in time, food cannot be served.

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