



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 4, 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 Update on October 28, 2022, three staff tested positive. On November 3, 2022, a C NA who works on our 2-400 unit with residents who are ventilator-dependent and a Building Services Worker who is not assigned to a specific unit tested positive. On November 4, 2022, a Facilities staff member who is not assigned to a specific unit tested positive. Residents and staff who had close contact with the staff are tested in accordance with regulatory requirements.

We currently have two residents who tested positive in hospitals after transfer to an emergency room for evaluation of medical conditions. Each resident had been positive for COVID in September 2022 prior to admission to our Home.

Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist is continuing to administer the bivalent booster vaccines to those who are eligible to receive the booster and who consent to receive it. Staff who are not up to date must test twice/week in accordance with our posted schedules. To date, 187 residents (270 total residents) and 164 staff (446 total staff) received the bivalent booster vaccines.

Mr. Kuiken is also administering influenza vaccines to residents who consent to receive the vaccine and to staff who are required to receive an annual influenza vaccine by December 31, 2022. To date, 222 residents and 198 staff received the influenza vaccines.

Future resident events beginning at 2 pm in our Home include:

- November birthday celebration on November 9, 2022
- Veteran's Day Service on November 11, 2022
- Broadway Magic "Then and Now" on November 16, 2022
- Rock & Roll party with Interactive Photo Booth on November 19, 2022
- Wayne Public Library's Community visit on November 21, 2022

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.

Antigen tests are available for visitors who wish to be tested. Please inform the Security staff when visiting if you wish to be tested.

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