



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, October 28, 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.

We are pleased to report that we currently do not have any residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. The last two positive results for staff were for staff who tested positive upon return from vacations and who had not been in our Home for more than one week. Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist is continuing to administer 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. To date, 178 residents and 156 staff received the bivalent booster vaccines.

Mr. Kuiken is also administering influenza vaccines to residents who consent to receive it and to staff who are required to receive an annual influenza vaccine. To date, 221 residents and 187 staff received the vaccines.

Elections were held this week for Vice President of the Resident Council. Congratulations to Cynthia C. (resident unit 1-200) and Steven G. (resident unit 3-400) who will serve as Co-Vice Presidents! Resident Council meetings are not open to visitors.

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

- Halloween Party on October 31, 2022. Costumes are welcome!
- Harp musical concert on November 2, 2022
- Visits with therapy dogs on November 3, 2022 in the rotunda patio
- November birthday celebration on November 9, 2022
- Veteran's Day Service on November 11, 2022
- Broadway Magic "Then and Now" on November 16, 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.

The October issue of "The Beacon" that is published by the New Jersey Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman is available at www.NJ.GOV/LTCO. Copies are distributed to residents.

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