



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, November 18, 2022
With wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

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 November 16, 2022, we were notified that the Outbreak that began on April 18, 2022 was concluded because 28 days had passed since the last positive result that was considered an outbreak case occurred on October 9, 2022.

Due to the continued high rate of COVID transmission, we continue to test staff who are not “up to date” for COVID vaccination (a bivalent booster within two months of last completed series or non-bivalent booster vaccination). This week eight staff tested positive either at Preakness or off-site: two support staff with limited resident contact, four nursing staff, one dietary staff and one recreation staff. Staff with resident contact worked on resident units 1-400, 1-200, 2-200, 3-200 and 2-400/ventilator. Residents and staff who had close contact with the staff are tested in accordance with regulatory requirements. We currently do not have any residents who tested positive.

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. To date, 193 residents (270 total residents) and 175 staff (442 total staff) received the bivalent booster vaccines.

Future resident events beginning at 2 pm in our Home’s main dining room include:

- Rock & Roll party with Interactive Photo Booth on November 19, 2022
- Wayne Public Library’s Community visit on November 21, 2022
- Memorial Service presided by Fr. James Moss (“Fr. Jim”) on November 22, 2022
- Music Bingo on November 28, 2022
- Latin Dance party on November 30, 2022
- Holiday Karaoke on December 7, 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.

Tsegai Ghebreyohannes will retire on December 1, 2022 after 35 years of dedicated service. Tsegai Ghebreyohannes has worked in several departments during his career and especially cherishes his time with our residents as their bus driver, driving them to events and participating with them at the events. His positive outlook and safe stewardship of our residents will be greatly missed! We wish him health, happiness and enjoyment in this next phase of life. We will offer our best wishes to him at the Latin Dance Party on November 30, 2022.

Thank you to the students from Wayne Hills High School for the cards they made for our Veteran residents.

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