



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 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.

On November 27, 2022 and November 28, 2022, two residents who live on resident unit 1-400 tested positive. One resident is in the hospital and one resident is residing on resident unit 2-400 "C" section until transmission-based precautions are discontinued. On November 28, 2022, two staff tested positive: one C NA who was returning from vacation and one Food Services Worker. We currently have six staff who tested positive who are out of work. Residents and staff who had close contact were tested and will be retested in accordance with regulatory requirements.

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, 195 residents (273 total residents) and 181 staff (445 total staff) received the bivalent booster vaccines. The NJ DOH recommends viewing video: <https://youtu.be/WgRbAKFWY4s> regarding booster immunization.

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

- Latin Dance party on November 30, 2022
- Friday at the movies on December 2, 2022
- Holiday Karaoke on December 7, 2022
- Veteran's Social (by invite) on December 9, 2022
- Holiday music party with Interactive Photo Booth on December 10, 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.

We began to "deck the halls" today for the holiday season with the installation of our rotunda Christmas tree. Questions regarding decorations for resident rooms may be directed to Frank Irizarry, Safety Coordinator at 973-585-2117. Artificial trees with lights must have a UL label. "Live" cut trees are a fire hazard and are not permitted.

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