



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 6, 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 December 4, 2022, eleven staff tested positive: five staff from our rehab department, one security guard, one nurse from resident unit 3-200, one C NA from resident unit 1-400, one C NA from resident unit 3-400, one facilities staff and one nursing management staff. We are continuing to test staff twice/week until further notice. Residents who had close contact with the residents or staff who tested positive are retested in accordance with regulatory requirements. Residents who tested positive are residing on resident unit 2-400 "C" section until transmission-based precautions are discontinued. To date, since the beginning of the Outbreak on November 23, 2022, thirteen residents and twenty-four staff have tested positive. Ten of the thirteen residents are fully-vaccinated. Nine of the ten residents received the bivalent booster. The twenty-four staff are fully-vaccinated. Three of the staff received the bivalent booster.

With sadness, we share with you that the President of our Resident Council passed away on December 5, 2022. He joined our family in 2017, together with his wife who predeceased him. An avid gardener, he planted and cared for the vegetable garden in our entrance courtyard. Many will remember his life stories and adventures that he shared with us, his humor and the passion he had for his children. We offer our condolences to his family and thank our staff who provided for his care.

The resident events scheduled for December 7, 2022 (Holiday Karaoke) and December 10, 2022 (Holiday Music Party) will be rescheduled to later dates.

The Passaic County Board of County Commissioners in collaboration with Passaic County social services agencies are hosting a "Holiday Angel Tree Toy Drive" to provide toys to the YMCA of Paterson, the Paterson Great Falls Military Assistance Program and foster children in Passaic County. Donations of new gifts would be appreciated. The gifts do not need to be wrapped. Receptacles for the gifts are in our main entrance lobby and the employee entrance.

The Passaic County Board of County Commissioners in partnership with the NJ Department of Health is offering free COVID-19 test kits for Passaic County residents. There is a limit of two kits/person, while supplies last. The kits can be picked up at the Passaic County Dept of Health Services, 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 250, Totowa, 973-881-4396, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

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