



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 16, 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 last Update, five staff tested positive. The staff include one C NA who works on resident unit 2-400, one staff from Social Services who works on resident units 1-300 and Pathway, one Environmental Services staff who worked on resident unit 1-300 and one Supervisor, and one Respiratory Therapist who had not been in the facility for two weeks. 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 tested 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, fourteen residents and thirty-nine staff have tested positive. We currently have one resident who tested positive who is on transmission-based precautions.

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.

We will resume activities in our main dining room at 2 pm as listed below. Residents' guests are welcome to join us wearing masks that completely cover their nose and mouth. Note: cloth masks are not permitted.

- Hanukkah Celebration on December 19, 2022
- Holiday Jazz Band Concert on December 21, 2022
- Holiday Musical celebration with the songs of Christmas on December 22, 2022

On December 23, 2022, beginning at 10 am, we will sing carols and accompany "Santa" to bring gifts to our residents throughout our Home.

Joseph Mularkey, Director of Dietary begins his retirement on December 17, 2022. We appreciate his leadership of the department, especially his resident-centered focus. Jeanette Chaitow, RD will lead the department as the Interim Director.

Congratulations to Lamar Davis on his promotion to Executive Housekeeper/Director of the Environmental Services Department.

Happy Hanukkah to our residents, families and staff who will celebrate Hanukkah.

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, 973-585-2113; Daniel Nasulme, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing, 973-585-1409; Aleyamma John, RN, BSN, Assistant Director of Nursing, 862-345-5911 and Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist, 973-585-2169 are available 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