



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 13, 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, one resident and three staff tested positive. The staff include one C NA who works on resident unit 3-400, one security guard who has limited resident contact and one environmental services staff who worked on resident unit 2-200. Our resident who tested positive lives on resident unit 3-200. 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-four staff have tested positive. Eleven of the fourteen residents are fully-vaccinated. Nine residents received the bivalent booster. Ten residents completed the transmission-based precautions period and returned to their units. The thirty-four staff are fully-vaccinated. Nine staff received the bivalent booster. Fourteen staff completed the transmission-based precautions period and returned to work.

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, 79% of residents and 45% of staff received the bivalent vaccine.

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