



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 19, 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 five staff tested positive. Our resident had close contact with our resident from unit 3-200 who tested positive on December 13, 2022. The staff include one C NA who works on resident unit 1-400, one staff from Therapeutic Recreation, one staff from Security, one staff from Environmental Services and one nurse who has not been in our Home since December 4, 2022. 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, fifteen residents and forty-four staff have tested positive. We currently have two residents who tested positive who are 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. He can be reached at 973-585-2181.

Fr. Jim will resume in-person mass on December 20, 2022.

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

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

Residents' guests who wear masks that completely cover their nose and mouth are welcome to join us. Note: Cloth masks are not permitted.

Last week, the "Christmas Truck Light Spectacular Parade" courtesy of the Salamone Brothers, had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Weather-permitting, the Christmas Trucks will drive through our parking areas on December 20, 2022, from 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm. The beautiful trucks can be viewed from many of our windows. We appreciate the generosity of the Salamone Brothers to bring the Christmas trucks to us!

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

Sharon Link, LCSW, Director of Social Services will retire on January 1, 2023 after more than 30 years of service to our residents. Ms. Link has served on the Passaic County Senior Advisory Council for many years and has been an active member of the Preakness Hospital Auxiliary. We offer our thanks to Ms. Link and wish her health and happiness in retirement.

Congratulations to Barbara Cohen, MSW, on her promotion to Director of Social Services upon Ms. Link's retirement.

Happy Hanukkah to our residents, families and staff who are celebrating 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, 973-585-2181 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