



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 23, 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.

Happy Hanukkah to our residents, families and staff who are celebrating Hanukkah. Merry Christmas to our residents, families and staff who will celebrate Christmas.

Since the last Update, two staff tested positive: one nurse who worked on resident unit 1-400 and one staff from our Facilities department. Residents and staff 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 unit 2-400 "C" section until transmission-based precautions are discontinued. Since the beginning of the Outbreak on November 23, 2022, fifteen residents and forty-eight staff have tested positive. We currently have two residents on 2-400 "C" on transmission-based precautions.

The NJ Department of Health set an expectation that all nursing facilities by January 31, 2023 increase the administration of the bivalent boosters to 80% of residents and 50% of staff. To date, 79% of our residents and 43% of our staff received the bivalent boosters. Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist is continuing to administer the bivalent booster to those who are eligible and who consent to receive it. He can be reached at 973-585-2181.

"Santa" visited us this morning, bringing gifts to all residents. Thank you to the Preakness Hospital Auxiliary who donated the gifts, to Santa (Linu John) and to all staff who assisted as elves to wrap or distribute the gifts, who accompanied Santa, and who participated in the festivities by donning "ugly" sweaters and/or singing carols. In addition, we thank our residents, visitors, staff and Mrs. DeMauro for the beautiful decorations throughout our Home!

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

- Kwanzaa Musical Celebration on December 28, 2022

Residents' guests who wear masks that completely cover their nose and mouth are welcome to join us. Note: Cloth masks 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, 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