



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 5, 2023

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, Therapeutic Recreation staff and Unit Clerks distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it.

Since the last Update, four staff tested positive: one Security Guard, one staff from Dietary, one C NA from resident unit 3-200 and one C NA from the Pathway special care nursing facility. Residents and staff who had close contact with the 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. We currently have three residents on resident unit 2-400 "C".

Since the beginning of the Outbreak on November 23, 2022,

- 65 staff tested positive
 - Sixty-two staff are vaccinated.
 - Eighteen staff received the bivalent booster
- 18 residents tested positive
 - Fifteen residents are vaccinated
 - Twelve residents received the bivalent booster

The NJ Department of Health continues to urge residents and staff to become vaccinated as the safest and most effective protection against COVID-19 and its variants, noting that the new bivalent vaccine is formulated to work against the original COVID virus and the most recent variant, Omicron. We will have a **"vaccine clinic" on January 12, 2023** during the hours that staff are tested for COVID. Residents or staff who wish to receive a vaccine before this date may contact Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist who is continuing to administer the vaccines to those who are eligible and who consent to receive a vaccine. He can be reached at 973-585-2181 to answer any questions or to schedule the administration of the vaccine prior to January 12, 2023.

Thank you to Tyrone Buggs, retired C NA who provided the music today to celebrate Kwanzaa with our DJ Dance team: Anthony Sangster, Central Supply Manager and Lamar Davis, Director of Environmental Services! Thank you to our staff who enthusiastically participated with our residents and their guests.

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

- Birthday Party on January 11, 2023
- Resident Fashion Show on January 20, 2023
- Latin Dance party on January 25, 2023
- "Elton John" on January 28, 2023

- Dance Program on January 30, 2023

Job opportunities are available for Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Business Office Director, Food Services Director, Food Service Workers, Social Worker/MSW and Registered Dietitian. Feel free to provide my contact information to healthcare workers looking for a very rewarding career as a member of our team.

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, LTC-CIP, Director of Nursing, 973-585-1409; Aleyamma John, RN, BSN, Assistant Director of Nursing, 862-345-5911 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