



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, January 20, 2023
Celebrating Chinese New Year

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.

Due to anticipated inclement weather, there is a change in the date to **Tuesday, January 24, 2023** for the utility company work that is related to the solar panels project. During the hours of *11:00 am to 3:00 pm*, our electrical power will be supplied by our emergency generator. The emergency generator will supply power to life safety systems and emergency lighting. A technician from the generator company will be on-site. Resident equipment such as beds, concentrators, feeding pumps will be plugged into the red electrical emergency outlets before the work begins. Resident TVs will not be operational. The *lunch menu for residents will be revised* to provide the hot entrée at dinner, rather than at lunch time. The revised menu will be provided to residents for selection of the entrée or the alternate. Supervisory staff will be available on all resident units to address any concerns. Questions may be directed to Michael Jordan, Facilities Director, 973-317-7030; Frank Irizarry, Safety Coordinator, 973-585-2117 or to me.

Since the last Update, one staff who works in Environmental Services who has limited resident contact tested positive. Residents and staff who have close contact with residents or staff who test 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 two residents on unit 2-400 "C".

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. Residents or staff who wish to receive a vaccine may contact Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181.

Thank you to our staff and residents who enthusiastically participated in the Resident Fashion Show today. We certainly had a fun time!

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

- Latin Dance Party, January 25, 2023
- "Elton John", January 28, 2023
- Dance Program, January 30, 2023
- Chinese New Year, February 1, 2023
- Black History Month, February 8, 2023

Please join us in welcoming “Hampton” (Martin) Kortjohn to our “IT” department. He replaces Ron Pangilinan who retired. Many residents had the opportunity to meet him during the Resident Fashion Show today.

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