



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 18, 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.

Thank you to our staff for the preparations today for our operation to continue without incident while our power was supplied by our emergency generator during the solar panels/electrical connections work. In addition, thank you to our residents for their patience while the work was performed.

The utility company has postponed their work related to the solar panels project that was scheduled for **Thursday, January 19, 2023** because of the pending inclement weather. Weather-permitting, the work will be performed on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023** during the hours of *11 am to 3 pm*. During these hours, 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, four staff tested positive: one C NA who works on resident unit 2-300/Pathway, one staff from Environmental Services who works on unit 2-200, one nurse who works on unit 2-400/respiratory and one administrative support staff. In addition, one resident who lives on 2-400/respiratory 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.

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

- Resident Fashion Show, January 20, 2023
- 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

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