



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, January 24, 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.

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 utility power work. In addition, thank you to our residents for their patience while the work was performed!

Since the last Update, two nursing staff tested positive: a nurse from resident unit 1-200 and a nurse from resident unit 1-300. 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.

The regulations and directives that we must follow for infection prevention/COVID-19 require that masks must be worn except when visiting privately in a resident's room when the resident's roommate is not present or with the permission of the roommate. If families wish to have a gathering, please notify us in advance so that we can arrange to have a room available for the gathering. In general, we can accommodate five to ten guests if a room of sufficient size is available and the request is made in advance to Alina Zalenski, CTRS, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, 973-585-2124.

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

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