



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, January 27, 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.

Since the last Update, one staff in an administrative support position with 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 one resident 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 US Census Bureau randomly selected ten residents to participate in the American Community Survey by answering questions including information such as demographics, physical condition, health insurance coverage, military service, languages spoken. Alina Zalenski, CTRS, Director of Therapeutic Recreation will oversee the completion of the questionnaires and assist residents who cannot complete the questionnaires themselves.

Congratulations to Marcia Valesse, RN on her promotion to Assistant Supervisor of Nurses!

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

- The "Elton John" Show, January 28, 2023
- Music and Memories Dance Program, January 30, 2023
- Chinese New Year Musical Celebration, February 1, 2023
- Black History Month, February 8, 2023
- Harp Concert, February 15, 2023

We will also celebrate "National Wear Red Day" on February 3, 2023 and "National Flannel Day" on February 10, 2023.

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.

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