



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, February 6, 2023  
Celebrating Black History Month

*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.

Weather-permitting on February 8, 2023 (rain date of February 9, 2023), during the hours of 11 am to 3 pm, there will be utility company work 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.

We currently do not have any residents or staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 who are on transmission-based precautions.

The New Jersey 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.

*Congratulations to Juan Saavedra, RN, BSN, Assistant Nursing Supervisor on his achievement of a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing!*

Congratulations and best wishes to two of our residents who turned 100 years young this month:  
Adele Lucci and Catherine Fritz

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

- Black History Month, Musical Celebration, February 8, 2023
- Friday at the Movies, February 10, 2023
- Black History Month Presentation, February 11, 2023
- Harp Concert, February 15, 2023
- Birthday Party, February 17, 2023
- Mardi Gras Party, February 21, 2023
- Historical Perspective of Dey Mansion and George Washington, February 22, 2023
- "Billy Joel" Music Concert, February 27, 2023

A special lunch for Black History Month will be served on February 7, 2023. On February 21, 2023, a special lunch will be served for Mardi Gras. We will also celebrate “National Pizza Day” on February 9, 2023 and “National Flannel Day” on February 10, 2023.

Thank you to Chris Cygan for the “Music with Chris” entertainment that he has provided on our resident units.

In partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health, the Mental Health Association of New Jersey is providing “Hope for Health”, a program to support the emotional well-being of public health employees. The first presentation is on February 14, 2022 at 10:00 am.

The February 2023 issue of “The Beacon” published by the New Jersey Office of the Long-term Care Ombudsman includes information regarding free, live virtual classes on various topics for seniors, 60 years and older at [www.getsetup.io/partner/NJ](http://www.getsetup.io/partner/NJ). “The Beacon” is available on line at [www.ltco.nj.gov](http://www.ltco.nj.gov) and is distributed to residents.

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