



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, February 9, 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.

Thank you to our staff for the preparations for our operation to continue without incident while our power was supplied on February 8, 2023 by our emergency generator during the electrical work related to the solar panels project. In addition, thank you to our residents for their patience while the work was performed! The solar panels project is nearing completion and the contractors are working towards an anticipated "go live" date near the end of March 2023.

On February 8, 2023 and on February 9, 2023 two staff tested positive: one nurse who worked on resident units 1-300 and 2-400/vent and one nurse who worked on 2-400/vent. Residents and staff who have close contact with staff who test positive are tested in accordance with regulatory requirements. All residents on 2-400/vent were tested today and the results were negative. We currently do not have any residents 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.

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

- 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

We will celebrate "National Flannel Day" on February 10, 2023. On February 21, 2023, a special lunch will be served for Mardi Gras.

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 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