



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, March 15, 2023

Celebrating Women's History, Nutrition and Social Services Months

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.

On March 13, 2023, a C NA who works on resident unit 3-400 tested positive. Residents and staff who were exposed to the C NA were tested and will be retested in accordance with regulatory requirements. The test results were negative. Presently, we do not have any residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 who are on transmission-based precautions.

The New Jersey Department of Health urges 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 New Jersey Division of Aging Services has partnered with "GetSetUp" to provide free virtual classes for older adults with the opportunity to ask questions, learn new things and have fun. Classes include but are not limited to Health and Wellness, Fitness, Music, Social Media, Financial Planning and many other topics. Information is available at www.getsetup.io/partner/NJ.

Future resident events beginning at 2:00 pm in our Home's main dining room include:

- 40th Anniversary Ordination Celebration for Father Jim (Father James Moss), March 16, 2023, 2:30 PM
- St. Patrick's Day with Photo Booth, March 17, 2023
- Irish Step Dancers, March 18, 2023
- Women's History Month Presentation, March 22, 2023
- Jewish Songs from Around the World, March 29, 2023

A special lunch will be served on March 17, 2023 for St. Patrick's Day.

A prayer service for Ramadan is scheduled on March 28, 2023 at 2 pm.

The Passaic County Health Department offers free radon kits that are available at the County's Health Department which is located at 930 Riverview Drive, Totowa. You may email Christian A. Okpukpara, Passaic County's Right to Know Coordinator at christiano@passaiccountynj.org or call Mr. Okpukpara at 973-225-3651 to arrange to pick up a radon kit.

As previously noted, on February 21, 2023, residents from units 2-400 "B" section and 3-400 "B" section were temporarily transferred to other sections of our Home for a pending fire alarm system repair. After assessing options with fire officials, the work will be included in the project to replace the fire alarm system for the 200s and 400s sections of our Home that was already designed and is pending regulatory approval to begin the replacement. The duration of the temporary transfer is under review.

pending the anticipated project start date. Resident rooms that were vacated are reserved for the future return of residents to their rooms.

Job opportunities are available for Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Services Director, Food Service Workers, Cooks, 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