



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 2, 2023

Celebrating Mental Health Awareness and Older Americans Month  
Honoring Nurses and Nursing Home Staff

*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.

At this point in time, we have revised our internal mask policy as follows. *Masking requirements are subject to change based on public health emergency status, outbreak status, and/or community transmission levels.*

### Staff

- Staff will continue to follow universal masking and will be required to wear source control (masks) when inside the building. Staff are not required to wear masks when in outdoor areas of our Home.
- Dietary staff are not required to wear masks when working in the kitchen area. Masks must be worn upon exiting the kitchen. Dietary staff may choose to continue wearing masks.
- N95 respirators must be worn when working with residents with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection and with residents on Transmission Based Precautions when an N95 is required. N95 respirators are available in the Nursing Office and at point of care in PPE carts.

### Residents

- Residents are not required to wear masks except as follows:
  - Masks may be required for large indoor gatherings.
  - Newly admitted residents who do not meet immunization criteria may be required to wear a mask during care for a specified period following admission.
- Residents may choose to wear a mask. Masks are available upon request from unit nurses.

### Visitors

- Visitors must wear masks at all times when in common areas.
- Masks may be removed while in outdoor areas, or when in a private location with residents, with permission of the resident/representative and roommate (if roommate is present).

Our holiday family dinner celebrations will resume on Mother's Day, May 14, 2023. Each resident may invite three guests to dine with them in the main dining room at 12 noon or 1:30 pm. Mindful of COVID precautions, seating is limited. Entrée selections are Cornish Hen or Cheese Lasagna. Reservations will be accepted until May 9, 2023. Please call Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations at 973-585-2161. For planning purposes, please indicate the entrée selection and number of guests when making the reservation.

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

- Cinco de Mayo Celebration, May 5, 2023
- Birthday Party, May 10, 2023
- Sentimental Journey Music Show Honoring Mothers, May 12, 2023
- DJ Dance party, May 17, 2023
- "Michael Jackson" show, May 20, 2023
- Friday at the Movies, May 26, 2023
- Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Party, May 31, 2023

Our annual Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 24, 2023 at 10:30 am, weather-permitting. As is our tradition, we honor our Veteran residents and staff during our parade and encourage family members to celebrate with us.

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.

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, 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 the Public Health Emergency comes to an end, we are indebted to our staff and to all who have continued to support us, including our residents and their families! ***Preakness Strong Heroes Will Always Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director