



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, May 16, 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.

Thank you to our staff who worked on Mother's Day to care for our residents! In addition, we express special thanks to staff from many departments who assisted Dietary staff with the Mother's Day family celebration.

With the end of the Public Health Emergency, consistent with regulatory directives and guidance, we are assessing our COVID policies regarding entrance screening, masking and testing and will communicate revisions as we implement the changes.

On May 15, 2023, we were informed that a C NA who works on resident unit 3-400 tested positive on May 13, 2023. The last day our C NA worked was on May 11, 2023. Residents who were exposed to the C NA were tested on May 15, 2023; all results were negative. Residents who were exposed will be retested on May 17, 2023.

Our annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for **May 24, 2023 at 11:00 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. Visitors who wish to park in the main parking lot should arrive by 10:00 am.

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

- 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

Resident Council elections for officers will be held on May 17 and May 18, 2023.

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