



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, June 5, 2023

*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 Neela Mahbuba for the informative presentation during our residents' celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage and to Shweta Sharma for the Henna tattoos for our residents. In addition, thank you to the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Passaic County/Master Gardeners for the plants for our residents' garden.

On June 3, 2023, one staff from Therapeutic Recreation who worked on resident units 1-300 and 3-400 tested positive. Residents who had close contact with the staff were tested and will be retested in accordance with regulatory requirements. On June 5, 2023, one staff from nursing management tested positive. The manager did not have close contact with residents.

Our updated internal mask policy includes that staff are required to wear masks when providing care to residents or when prolonged close contact (15 minutes within 6 feet) with a resident is anticipated. The wearing of masks by residents or visitors is optional except when participating in large indoor gatherings. Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 or who has respiratory symptoms must always wear a mask. Masks are available from security staff in the main entrance and on resident units. Rapid COVID-19 testing is available upon request.

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 2:00 pm in our Home's main dining room include:

- Latin Dance Party, June 7, 2023
- Friday at the Movies, June 8, 2023
- Flag Day Patriotic Party, June 14, 2023
- Juneteenth Party, June 19, 2023
- Mindful Meditation, June 21, 2023
- DJ Dance Party, June 23, 2023
- Birthday Party, June 26, 2023
- Big Bingo, June 30, 2023

We will celebrate Father's Day on June 18, 2023 with a family holiday dinner at 12 noon. Each resident may invite three guests to dine with them in the main dining room. Entrée selections are Shrimp Scampi or Chicken Marsala. Reservations will be accepted until June 14, 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.

Our BBQ season begins on June 21, 2023. BBQs are held on the rotunda patio, weather-permitting, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm with musical entertainment.

- June 21, 2023, resident units 3-200 and 3-400
- June 28, 2023, resident units 1-200 and 2-200

Congratulations to Juan Saavedra, RN, BSN, WCC, Assistant Nursing Supervisor on his achievement to become Wound Care Certified by the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy!

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Services Director, Food Service Workers, Social Worker/MSW, Registered Dietitian, Chief Accountant and Senior Accountant. 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, Geoffrey Mugalu, Ph.D., 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.*

Preakness Strong Heroes Will Always Continue to Work Here!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director