



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, June 14, 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.

On June 14, 2023, during the second cycle of testing of residents on resident unit 3-400 who were exposed to the C NA who recently tested positive, four residents tested positive. We have expanded contact tracing to test all residents of 3-400 and all staff who worked on resident unit 3-400. Residents and staff on 3-400 will be retested in accordance with regulatory requirements. We currently have five residents on transmission-based precautions who are residing on resident unit 2-300 and one staff who is out of work on transmission-based precautions.

On June 12, 2023, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order #332 which rescinds the requirements for healthcare workers to be vaccinated, including with a booster, against COVID-19. This is consistent with the June 5, 2023 Final rule by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to rescind the CMS requirement of Medicare and Medicaid certified providers and suppliers' staff to be vaccinated. Despite the rescinding of the mandate, residents and staff are urged 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 project to upgrade the fire alarm system began on May 30, 2023. Resident units 2-400, 2-200, 3-400 and 3-200 are completed. Residents will return to the vacant 2-400 "B" and 3-400 "B" sections upon inspection/approval of the work by the regulatory authorities.

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

- 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

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Services Supervisor, 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