



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 21, 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.

Currently we have eight residents and four staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 who are on transmission-based precautions. On August 18, 2023, one resident and one C NA from the Pathway unit tested positive. On August 20, 2023, one resident from the Pathway Unit tested positive. One Dietary and one Environmental Services staff tested positive on August 21, 2023. Residents and staff who had close contact with residents or staff who tested positive will continue to be tested in accordance with requirements. Residents who tested positive are residing on unit 2-300 until the completion of the period for transmission-based precautions.

We are accepting applications for adult (18 years and older) volunteers. Opportunities include Pastoral Care, Therapeutic Recreation activities, visits with residents, Preakness Hospital Auxiliary. The application process includes background and reference checks, a Certificate of Good Health, and attendance at orientation. For additional information or to request an application please contact Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers at 973-585-2161 or by email at SuzanneD@passaiccountynj.org.

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

- "Zooming through Games", August 23, 2023
- "Elton John" Concert, August 25, 2023
- Virtual Walking Tour of Passaic County's Parks in the 1940s and 1950s, August 28, 2023
- Friday at the Movies (Tina), September 1, 2023
- Music on the *Patio*, September 6, 2023
- Drum Circle, September 9, 2023 at 2:45 pm
- Grandparents Day Concert, North Jersey Concert Band, September 10, 2023
- Country Fair with Petting Zoo, September 13, 2023

Please note this schedule change: There will not be Catholic mass on *August 22 and August 24, 2023*. There will be mass on August 29 and August 31, 2023 at 2 pm.

Because we are now in COVID Outbreak status, masks are required when attending activities and religious services in the main dining room until further notice.

Barbeques are held on the rotunda patio, weather-permitting, on Wednesdays. The unit schedules are posted throughout our Home. Family members are welcome to join us.

School will soon be back in session. School supplies will be needed for many students who begin school in the Fall. The County of Passaic is partnering with Montclair State University as part of the University's annual 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance collecting school supply donations. The goal is to provide 300 students at East Side High School in Paterson with everything they need for the new school year. A list of requested donations is available at our entrance Security desk and a collection bin is in the entrance lobby. Thank you for your anticipated support!

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Service Workers, Social Worker/MSW, Registered Dietitian, Recreation Therapy Aides, Security Guard 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.

Despite the end of the Public Health Emergency and the expiration of many of the COVID restrictions, vaccination is still recommended by the NJ DOH. Residents or staff who wish to receive a vaccine may contact Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181.

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