



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 29, 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.

As of August 28, 2023, 135 nursing facilities in New Jersey are in Outbreak status for COVID. Eight of the facilities are in Passaic County and Preakness Healthcare Center is included in this category. Since the start of the current COVID outbreak on August 15, 2023, thirteen residents and eleven staff have tested positive. Four of the thirteen residents tested positive during the period August 26 – August 28, 2023.

- Residents
 - Resident unit 1-300, Five residents
 - Pathway unit, Three residents
 - Resident unit 1-400, Five residents
 - One resident was hospitalized.
 - Seven residents have completed transmissions-based precautions and returned to their units.
- Staff
 - Resident unit 1-300: One C NA
 - Pathway unit: Two CNAs
 - Resident unit 1-400: One C NA
 - Resident unit 3-400: One Nurse
 - Dietary: Six staff
 - Six staff have completed transmissions-based precautions to return to work.

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.

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

- Friday at the Movies (Tina), September 1, 2023
- Music on the *Patio*, September 6, 2023
- Grandparents Day Concert, North Jersey Concert Band, September 10, 2023
- Country Fair with Petting Zoo, September 13, 2023
- Jewish Songs from Around the World, September 15, 2023
- DJ Dance and Birthday Party, September 20, 2023
- James Taylor Folk Music, September 22, 2023
- Latin Dance Party, September 27, 2023
- Jazz Band Concert, September 30, 2023

On September 21, 2023, Rabbi Randy Mark will celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur at 2:00 pm in our Main Dining Room. Please note that there will not be mass on this day.

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

Our Barbeque season will end on September 6, 2023. 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. *The last day to donate is September 1, 2023.* Thank you for your anticipated support!

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