



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, September 1, 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 all who donated school supplies for the students of East Side High School.

The Passaic County Board of County Commissioners will hold a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Passaic County Community College Public Safety Academy, 9/11 Memorial Site, 300 Oldham Rd, Wayne, NJ (across the street from Preakness, at the end of Kattak Parkway).

With this letter, I am updating the number of staff who have tested positive since the start of the current COVID outbreak on August 15, 2023. One staff from Therapeutic Recreation who worked on units 1-400 and on unit 3-400 tested positive on August 30, 2023. Residents who live on unit 3-400 were tested on August 31, 2023 and will be retested on September 2, 2023 and September 4, 2023. All results were negative.

- Residents
  - Resident unit 1-300, Five residents
  - Pathway unit, Three residents
  - Resident unit 1-400, Five residents
  - One resident was hospitalized.
  - Eight residents have completed transmissions-based precautions and returned to their units.
  - Residents who tested positive are residing on unit 2-300 until the completion of the period for transmission-based precautions.
  
- 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 and One Therapeutic Recreation Aide.
  - Dietary: Six staff
  - Ten staff have completed transmissions-based precautions to return to work.

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

- 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.

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