



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, September 6, 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.

The current Outbreak began on August 15, 2023. On September 5, 2023 one resident who lives on resident unit 3-400 and six residents on unit 2-200 tested positive. During the fourth cycle of testing of residents on unit 3-400 on September 6, 2023, one resident tested positive. Residents who live on unit 2-200 will be retested on September 7 and on September 9, 2023. One nursing staff who works on unit 2-200 tested positive on September 5, 2023 and two nursing staff who work on unit 3-400 tested positive on September 6, 2023.

- Residents
 - Resident unit 1-300, Five residents
 - Resident unit 2-200: Six residents
 - Pathway unit, Three residents
 - Resident unit 1-400, Five residents
 - Resident unit 3-400, Four residents
 - One resident was hospitalized.
 - Ten residents 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 2-200: One C NA
 - Resident Unit 1-300: One C NA
 - Pathway unit: Two CNAs
 - Resident unit 1-400: One C NA
 - Resident unit 3-400: Two nurses, one C NA, one Therapeutic Recreation Aide.
 - Dietary: Six staff
 - Facilities: One staff
 - Ten staff completed transmissions-based precautions to return to work.

Due to the current Outbreak status, the following resident events are postponed and will be rescheduled:

- 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

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

- 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

Catholic Mass will be celebrated virtually on: September 7, 10, 12, and 14, 2023. There will not be mass on September 17, 2023. Mass in the main dining room will resume on September 19, 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.

Masks are required when attending activities and religious services in the main dining room until further notice.

Please join us in welcoming Maria Pino, Chief Accountant.

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 Mugal, 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