



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, September 9, 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.

This week from September 4, 2023 through September 8, 2023, contracted surveyors representing the NJ Department of Health performed our “annual” survey. Our last survey occurred during July 2021. When we receive the report that will include opportunities for improvement, we will share the results. *Many thanks to our staff who work each and every day to create a Home for our residents!*

During the second cycle of testing on resident unit 2-200 on September 7, 2023, one resident tested positive. During the third cycle of testing of residents on unit 2-200 on September 9, 2023 four residents tested positive. On September 8, 2023, one resident on unit 3-400 tested positive and on September 9, 2023, two residents on unit 3-400 tested positive. One nursing staff who works on unit 2-200 tested positive on September 8, 2023. Since the beginning of the current Outbreak on August 15, 2023, residents and staff have tested positive as follows:

- Residents
 - Resident unit 1-300, Five residents
 - Resident unit 2-200: Twelve residents
 - Pathway unit, Three residents
 - Resident unit 1-400, Five residents
 - Resident unit 3-400, Six residents
 - Three residents were hospitalized.
 - Thirteen 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 nurse, 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
 - Twelve 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 Preakness Channel 64 on September 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.

The NJ Department of Health expects long-term care facilities to administer the new COVID-19 bivalent booster doses to residents and staff, who consent to receive it, no later than 45 days after Federal authorization (October 15, 2023). Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist can be reached at 973-585-2181 for additional information.

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.

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