



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, October 3, 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.

On October 3, 2023, we will have the pleasure of celebrating the 101st birthday of our resident Carmen Del Rio! Carmen Del Rio joined our Preakness family ten years ago and is the newest member of our "Centenarian Club of residents who are 100 years or older.

As recommended by the NJ Department of Health, we are preparing to administer the updated COVID-19 booster doses to residents who consent or who have consent authorized by the resident's representative to receive the vaccine. Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist is in the process of calling resident representatives and also speaking with residents who make their own decisions to obtain consent to receive the vaccine. Mr. Kuiken is also preparing to administer the influenza vaccine to residents who have consent to receive the influenza vaccine. He can be reached at 973-585-2181 for additional information or to answer any questions.

Staff vaccine clinics for the new COVID-19 booster dose and/or the influenza vaccine are tentatively scheduled for October 11, 2023, October 18, 2023 and October 25, 2023. As a reminder, staff must receive an influenza vaccine or have an exemption that meets the New Jersey regulatory requirements before December 31 2023. Please direct any questions to Mr. Kuiken.

Since the beginning of the current COVID Outbreak on August 15, 2023, 33 residents and 25 staff have tested positive. We currently do not have any residents who are on transmission-based precautions for COVID-19. On October 3, 2023, one nurse on resident unit 3-400 tested positive. Residents and staff who had close contact will be tested in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Eileen Comerford, Volunteer Advocate for the NJ Office of the Ombudsman will no longer be able to continue as the Volunteer Advocate for our residents. Until such time as a new Advocate is assigned, please call The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman at 1-877-582-6995 with any concerns.

Congratulations to Mieoshi Gillian on her promotion to Unit Clerk! Ms. Gillian began her employment 23 years ago. We appreciate her dedication to our residents and congratulate her on her promotion.

On October 12, 2023 from 9 am to 10 am in our main dining room, Dr. Stephen J. Williams will present our Fall Seminar on Infectious Disease. Topics include new and updated vaccines, emerging infectious diseases and antibiotic stewardship. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

- Oktoberfest Party, October 4, 2023 (with special lunch menu)
- Hispanic Music Celebration, October 6, 2023
- North Jersey Concert Band, October 7, 2023
- Resident Fall Fashion Show, October 11, 2023
- Friday at the Movies (Haunted Mansion), October 13, 2023
- Bible Study with Eddy, October 16, 2023
- Birthday Party, October 18, 2023
- Rock & Roll Musical Celebration, October 20, 2023
- Karate Demonstration, October 21, 2023
- Italian Celebration Party, October 25, 2023 (with special lunch menu)
- Halloween Party, October 31, 2023 (with costume parade)

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

Changes to the Catholic mass schedule are as follows:

- October 3, 2023: mass is at **3:00 pm**
- Mass will not be celebrated on October 17 and October 19, 2023.

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