



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, October 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 month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. We will “pink out” on October 13, 2023 and October 20, 2023 to show our encouragement and support to those with breast cancer or who are in remission. Please see the posted flyers for the details.

On October 4, 2023, one C NA who works on resident unit 2-400 tested positive for COVID-19. Residents who had close contact were tested and will be retested in accordance with regulatory requirements. On October 6, 2023, one Dietary employee tested positive. Since the beginning of the current COVID-19 Outbreak on August 15, 2023, 33 residents and 29 staff have tested positive. The 29 staff include four staff who were not considered cases of the Outbreak. We currently do not have any residents who are on transmission-based precautions for COVID-19.

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 speaking with residents who make their own decisions to obtain consent to receive the COVID-19, influenza and/or RSV vaccines. He can be reached at 973-585-2181 for additional information or to answer any questions. We are still finalizing arrangements to obtain the COVID-19 vaccines. 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.

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.

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:

- 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:

- 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, Cook, Registered Dietitian, 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