



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 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.

Thank you to our staff and residents who joined in the festivities for our "Happy Halloween" party. Congratulations to Freddie Krueger (aka staff Latonya Davis) and the police/prisoner team (aka resident David R and his family member) for best costumes!

Thank you to Master Ed Licerio and the students from All Star Taekwondo and Fitness for the martial arts demonstration on October 21, 2023. What an incredible display of athleticism and disciplined training! We especially thank our resident Richard's sister Kim for arranging and participating in the demonstration. We hope to see them again next year!

On October 31, 2023, one staff in a support role who does not have resident contact tested positive for COVID-19. We do not currently have any residents who have tested positive for COVID-19.

As recommended by the NJ Department of Health, Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist is administering the updated COVID-19 monovalent vaccine to residents who consent or who have consent authorized by the resident's representative to receive the vaccine. Mr. Kuiken can be reached at 973-585-2181 for additional information or to answer any questions. To date, 117 residents have been vaccinated with the monovalent vaccine.

Please join us in congratulating Muthama Nzioka on his achievement of an LPN degree and promotion!

Residents who vote by absentee ballot should have received their ballots. As a reminder, the ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. Residents may direct any concerns to their Social Workers.

As we approach Veterans' Day, we recognize and thank our residents and staff who are Veterans for their service to our Country to preserve our freedoms. We will celebrate Veterans Day on November 11, 2023 at 2 pm. Our Veterans have served in all branches of the military in World War II, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Iraq and the National Guard. Residents' service includes:

- Marines, Four residents
- Navy, Two residents
- Army, Four residents
- Air Force, Two residents
- Army WAC from World War II, One resident
- National Guard, One resident

If you are new to our Preakness family as a resident or staff and are a Veteran, please speak with Alina Zalenski, CTRS, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, 973-585-2124 so that we may properly recognize your service.

Our Thanksgiving dinner celebration will be on Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 12:30 pm. Residents may invite three guests to dine with them in the main dining room. Seating is limited. Please call Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations at 973-585-2161 for a reservation. The reservation deadline is November 15, 2023.

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

- Jazz Band Concert, November 4, 2023
- Wayne Public Library Visit, November 6, 2023
- Veterans Service, November 11, 2023
- "Elvis Concert", November 15, 2023
- 40s and 50s Music Show, November 18, 2023
- Drum Circle, November 20, 2023
- Birthday Party, November 22, 2023

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 November 7, 2023.

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Service Supervisor, 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 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