



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 15, 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 for the Passaic County Sheriff's Christmas Light Spectacular Truck Parade's visit in the "snow" with our residents on December 11, 2023! It certainly helped to get us into the holiday spirit.

Since the beginning of the Outbreak on October 17, 2023, twenty-nine residents and eighteen staff have tested positive. We currently have eight residents on unit 2-400 "C" who are completing the transmission-based precautions period for COVID-19. *The phone number for unit 2-400 is 973-317-7031.* Three staff tested positive on December 12, 2023: two staff from Therapeutic Recreation and one staff from nursing management. Three staff are on transmission-based precautions. Residents and staff who had exposure to residents or staff who tested positive or who have symptoms are tested in accordance with regulatory requirements. Antigen tests are available at no cost for visitors who wish to be tested. Please inform the Security staff when visiting if you wish to be tested.

Please be advised that until further notice, staff must wear masks at all times. Visitors and residents are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

Please join us in congratulating Gabriel Mitchell on her achievement of an LPN license and promotion!

The following events/services are scheduled for 2:00 pm in our main dining room:

- Christmas party with photo booth, December 20, 2023
- Holiday caroling throughout our Home, December 22, 2023 beginning at 10:00 am
- Christmas Eve Mass, December 24, 2023, 2:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass, December 25, 2023, 2:30 pm
- Kwanza musical celebration with jazz band, December 27, 2023
- New Years Eve Mass, December 31, 2023, 2:00 pm
- New Years Eve celebration, December 31, 2023, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (reservations are not required)

Thank you to our staff who have beautifully decorated our residents' Home, to our residents' families who have decorated resident rooms and to our friends for the beautiful decorations!!

The Passaic County Commissioners are hosting the annual Angel Tree Toy Drive again this year. Donations will be made to children at the New Destiny Family Success Center and the Center for Family Resources. If you can donate a new gift, please return the gift by *December 19, 2023* in the collection box in our entrance lobby. Gifts should not be wrapped or placed into bags. Thank you for your generosity!

The winter clothing drive hosted by the Passaic County Commissioners and the Passaic County Department of Human Services will continue until January 10, 2024. Donations of gloves, hats, scarves, socks, blankets and sleeping bags are greatly appreciated. There is a collection box in our entrance lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

For the safety of all, cut trees may not be brought into our Home. Artificial decorations with lights or electric ornaments must be UL listed. Extension cords are not permitted. Please direct any questions to Frank Irizarry, Safety Coordinator at 973-585-2117.

Alcohol may not be consumed within our Home or on our premises by visitors. Residents who have a specific order from their attending physician may consume limited quantities of alcohol. Please direct any questions to a Nursing Supervisor.

As recommended by the NJ Department of Health, Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist is continuing to administer 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. The NJ Department of Health recommends watching the following videos regarding vaccination:

<https://youtu.be/cUx1rWIU-UE> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMfls6uMwzw>

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Service Supervisor, Food Service Workers, Cook, Recreation Therapist, Registered Dietitian, 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