



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 21, 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.

As the year comes to an end, we wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! We offer our immense thanks to our staff for the care and companionship provided to our residents this year.

At this point in time, we do not have any residents who tested positive for COVID-19. One staff member in a support position tested positive on December 18, 2023. We continue to test residents or staff who have symptoms of respiratory illnesses. 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.

Until further notice, staff must wear masks at all times. Visitors and residents are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

Please join us in congratulating Aaron Valladares on his promotion to Recreation Therapist, effective January 1, 2024. He will work with our residents on units 1-400 and 2-400.

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

- Holiday caroling throughout our Home, December 22, 2023 beginning at 10:00 am
- Christmas Eve Mass, December 24, 2023, 2:00 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)
- Friday at the Movies: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3", January 5, 2024
- Zooming with Music Concert, January 6, 2024
- Music Bingo, January 12, 2024
- Martin Luther King Presentation, January 15, 2024
- Latin Dance Party, January 17, 2024
- Casino Day, January 19, 2024

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

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!

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, Beautician. 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