



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 3, 2024

With wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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.

We express our thanks to staff who worked during the New Year's weekend to provide care for our residents! Thank you also to staff from Therapeutic Recreation, Dietary, Environmental Services, Security, Facilities, and the Business Office with assistance from our holiday volunteers Mark and Vinny who enabled our residents and their guests to celebrate the New Year at our New Year's Eve party!

On December 31, 2023, one Dietary staff tested positive. On January 2, 2024, one C NA who worked on resident unit 2-200 and one support staff tested positive. On January 3, 2024, one Facilities staff tested positive. Residents and staff who had exposure to residents or staff who test positive or who have symptoms are tested in accordance with requirements. There are six residents who tested positive who are residing on unit 2-300 until transmission-based precautions are discontinued. The phone number for unit 2-300 is 973-585-1402. Seven staff are on transmission-based precautions. 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.

Congratulations to Juan Hartkopf on his promotion to Senior Recreation Therapist!

Thank you to Robert and Rachel Kornbluh for the donation of the baby grand piano.

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

- Friday at the Movies: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3", January 5, 2024
- Zooming with Students 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

Masks must be worn when attending activities and religious services in the main dining room.

The Catholic mass schedule has returned to Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 pm in the main dining room.

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 appreciated. There is a collection box in our entrance lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

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 a Hair Stylist/Beautician, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Service Supervisor, Food Service Workers, Cook, Recreation Therapist and Registered Dietitian. 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