



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 12, 2024

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 the Wayne students in the musical Group, "Zooming thru Music" for their performance on January 6, 2024 for our residents. The students formed this group during the early days of COVID to provide virtual performances via zoom with the goal of reducing social isolation. The students have continued their mission and are now performing "live" in addition to virtual performances.

The January 2024 issue of the Beacon published by the NJ Office of the Long-term Care Ombudsman is available on-line at nj.gov/ooie. This issue includes information on the efforts in progress to lobby for and enact legislation to increase the current Personal Needs Allowance for nursing home residents on Medicaid.

On January 9, 2024, one staff from Environmental Services who worked on resident unit 1-400 and did not have close contact with residents tested positive. We currently do not have any residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. Three 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.

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

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Presentation, January 15, 2024
- Latin Dance Party, January 17, 2024
- Casino Day, January 19, 2024
- Birthday Party, January 24, 2024
- Bingo with Students, January 27, 2024
- Internet Safety Presentation, January 29, 2024
- Bible Study, January 31, 2024

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

The Wayne Health Department will provide a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in our Home for staff and visitors on January 17, 2024. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be available. Registration is required. Please register with Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist (973-585-2181) or Peggy Ramos, Keyboard Clerk (973-585-2172) and specify which vaccine you would like to receive.

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 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