



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 25, 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.

We will soon begin a project to refurbish all our elevators. On January 29, 2024, elevator #6 which is in the 200s section of our Home (1-200, 2-200, 3-200) will be taken out of service for refurbishment. Please use the elevators in the rotunda or the elevator that is in the 400s section of our Home while the refurbishment is in progress.

On January 23, 2024, one resident who lives on unit 2-400 tested positive. Eight residents who tested positive are residing on unit 2-300 until transmission-based precautions are discontinued. One resident is hospitalized. *The phone number for unit 2-300 is 973-585-1402.* On January 24, 2024, one nurse who worked on unit 2-400 tested positive. Residents and staff who have close contact with residents or staff who test positive are retested in accordance with regulatory requirements. Five staff are out of work 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:

- Bingo with Community Students, January 27, 2024
- Internet Safety Presentation, January 29, 2024 *This is cancelled and will be rescheduled*
- Bible Study, January 31, 2024
- "Healthy Heart Month" Presentation by Dr. Magda Eraiba, February 2, 2024
- DJ Dance and Birthday Party, February 7, 2024
- Chinese New Year Party, February 9, 2024
- Casino Day, February 12, 2024
- Mardi Gras Party, February 13, 2024
- Valentine's Day Party, February 14, 2024
- PCTI Tech Tones, February 15, 2024

Please note: There will not be Catholic mass on February 6, 2024 and February 8, 2024.

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

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.

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