



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 31, 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 students from Christ Church United Methodist who sponsored Bingo and assisted our residents on January 27, 2024! We appreciate their sharing their time with us and look forward to a future visit.

On January 30, 2024, elevator #6 which is in the 200s section of our Home (1-200, 2-200, 3-200) was 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 29, 2024, one nurse who worked on resident unit 3-200 and one staff in a support position tested positive. Residents and staff who have close contact with residents or staff who test positive are retested in accordance with regulatory requirements. Three residents are residing on unit 2-300 until transmission-based precautions are discontinued. *The phone number for unit 2-300 is 973-585-1402.* Four 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.*

February 2, 2024 is "National Wear Red Day". Staff and residents are encouraged to wear red. There will be a presentation by Dr. Magda Eraiba, Medical Director regarding heart health at 2 pm on February 2, 2024 in the main dining room. All are invited to attend.

During the Pandemic, the timeframes for the renewal process for Medicaid insurance were postponed. If you receive correspondence from a County Board of Social Services or NJ Family Care and have questions regarding the renewal process, please call either Dr. Mugalu, Assistant Executive Director (973-585-2113) or Teresa Solano, Business Office Director (973-585-2184) for assistance. Failure to complete the renewal process by the specified deadline will result in the termination of Medicaid. Resources are available on [www.nj.gov/StayCoveredNJ](http://www.nj.gov/StayCoveredNJ).

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

- "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 Concert, February 15, 2024
- Bible Study, February 21, 2024
- Jazz Band Concert, February 24, 2024
- Music of Nat King Cole, February 28, 2024

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

*Please note:* There will not be Catholic mass on February 6, 2024, February 8, 2024, February 13, 2024 and February 15, 2024.

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 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