



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, February 6, 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.

*Congratulations to residents Catherine Fritz and Adele Lucci on the celebrations of their 101<sup>st</sup> birthdays!*

During February, we are celebrating our Therapeutic Recreation staff with a “Who’s Who” contest to determine how well we know the Therapeutic Recreation staff. There are posters representing each of the Therapeutic Recreation staff on the first-floor walls of the corridor near the rotunda going towards unit 1-200. Residents, staff, and visitors who wish to participate in the contest can take a form near the posters and guess “Who’s Who.” The contest closes on February 20, 2024. The winner will be announced on February 21, 2024.

Congratulations to Prabha Amalraj, RN, BSN on her promotion to Assistant Nursing Supervisor!

We currently have one resident on transmission-based precautions who tested positive for COVID-19 upon admission on February 6, 2024. One C NA who worked on resident unit 2-400 who tested positive on February 1, 2024 is 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:

- 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 by all who attend activities and religious services in the main dining room.

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

Please be reminded that elevator #6 that is in the 200s section of our Home (1-200, 2-200, 3-200) is 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.

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