



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, February 16, 2024

With thanks to our staff on National Caregivers Day on February 17, 2024 and every day!

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 Tech Tones choir from the Passaic County Technical-Vocational School for the up-lifting and incredible concert in honor of Black History month!
- The students from the Alexander Hamilton Elementary School in Glen Rock and from the Lincoln School in Pompton Lakes who made Valentine's Day cards for our residents!
- Our "snow crew" from our Facilities Department for keeping our parking lots, driveways and sidewalks cleared of snow this week!
- Special thanks to our staff who continue to care for our residents no matter the weather!

Three residents who live on unit 1-200 and one staff from 1-200 tested positive for COVID-19 on February 14 and February 15, 2024. Staff who had close contact and residents of the 1-200 unit were tested and will be retested in accordance with regulatory guidance. The residents are residing on resident unit 2-400 "C" section until transmission-based precautions are discontinued. The phone number is 973-317-7031. 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.

The Passaic County Health Department will offer a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in our Home on February 23, 2024 from 2 pm to 4 pm. Staff, family members and friends of our residents are welcome to attend and receive either a Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, regardless of insurance status. In addition, Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist is continuing to administer the COVID-19 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 New Jersey Department of Health recommends reviewing the following educational materials:

- Respiratory viruses/ What's new/getting vaccines at the same time:

<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/whats-new/getting-vaccines-at-same-time.html>

- Videos on the importance of receiving the Flu, RSV, and 2023-2024 COVID vaccinations:
families: <https://youtu.be/cUx1rWIU-UE>
residents: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMfls6uMwzw>

Due to inclement weather, our Mardi Gras celebration was rescheduled from February 13, 2024 to February 21, 2024.

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

- Bible Study, February 19, 2024 *Please note the change in date.*
- Mardi Gras, 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.

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.

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. Thank you for your continued patience!

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