



# Preakness Healthcare Center

## A Legacy of Caring since 1929

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Update, February 19, 2024

Correction (to number of residents on transmission-based precautions)

*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.

On February 17, 2024, one resident who lives on unit 1-200 tested positive for COVID-19. We are continuing to retest staff who had close contact and residents of the 1-200 unit in accordance with regulatory guidance. Four residents are residing on resident unit 2-400 "C" section until transmission-based precautions are discontinued. The phone number is 973-317-7031. Two 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=LMfIs6uMwzw>

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 *Please note the change in date.*
- Jazz Band Concert, February 24, 2024
- Music of Nat King Cole, February 28, 2024
- Harp music, March 6, 2024

- Friday At the Movies, “Love Again”, March 8, 2024
- Residents Rights Bingo, Sponsored by the NJ Office of the Ombudsman, March 11, 2024
- Celebrating Excellence in Caring Award Recipients/DJ Dance Party: Shannon Mulhern, RT and Christine Pearce, RT, March 13, 2024
- Irish Step Dancers, March 15, 2024
- St. Patrick’s Day and Birthday Party, March 16, 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