



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, February 23, 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.

On February 23, 2024, one nursing staff who works on resident 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. Five 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.

Thank you to the Passaic County Health Department for the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in our Home today.

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

- 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
- 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.

Save the date! On Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, we will have a Brunch for residents/families from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. There will be one seating. Residents may invite four guests. Reservations will be accepted from March 1, 2024 through March 22, 2024. Details to follow.

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 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