



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, March 21, 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 all celebrated St. Patrick's Day with our residents: The Ridgewood Irish Dancers/Jig Factory and Jamie McCabe, Bagpiper from the Passaic County Pipes & Drums. Thank you to our cooks for the traditional corned beef and cabbage luncheon.

Thank you to Kalia Cheung, a high school senior, who included our residents in her Girl Scout Gold Award project --- doll therapy for residents with Dementia. Her project team of advisors included Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations. Ms. Cheung donated twenty, personalized baby dolls for our residents.

On March 19, 2024, one nurse who works on resident unit 3-200 tested positive for COVID-19. Residents and staff who had close contact were tested and will be retested in accordance with regulatory guidance. We currently do not have any residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. 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.

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:

- Palm Sunday Mass, March 24, 2024
- Wayne Library Visit, March 25, 2024
- Bible Study with Eddy, March 27, 2024
- Holy Thursday Mass, March 28, 2024
- Good Friday Service, March 29, 2024
- Easter Sunday Mass, March 31, 2024
- Friday at the Movies: "The Color Purple", April 5, 2024, **1:45 pm**
- Birthday Party, April 10, 2024
- Eid al-Fitr Celebration and Arab American Heritage Month, April 12, 2024
- Passover Seder, April 15, 2024, **3:00 pm**
- Folk Music, April 17, 2024
- Jewish Holiday Music, April 19, 2024

- “Elton John” Concert, April 20, 2024
- Earth Day Horticulture Program, April 22, 2024
- Bible Study with Eddy, April 24, 2024
- Baseball Opening Day/DJ Dance Party, April 29, 2024, *Rotunda Patio, Weather-permitting*

Please note: there will not be Catholic Mass on March 26, 2024.

Masks must be worn by all who attend activities and religious services in the main dining room.

Our Easter Sunday Brunch for residents/families is on March 31, 2024 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. There will be one seating. Residents may invite four guests. The last day for reservations is March 22, 2024. Please call 973-585-2161 for a reservation.

We are accepting applications for adult volunteers. If interested, please speak with Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers, 973-585-2161.

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