



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, April 10, 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 staff who worked on Easter Sunday to care for our residents!
- The Dietary, Environmental Services and Therapeutic Recreation staff who prepared the Easter luncheon, beautifully decorated the dining room and served the meal to our residents and guests.
- The Dietary staff who colored the Easter eggs for breakfast and the Easter Bunny who visited in the afternoon.
- Father Jim Moss, Mark Zalenski and all staff who assisted our residents to celebrate Holy Week and Easter mass.
- Imam Mohammed Al-Fali for the Ramadan Prayer Service.

On April 1, 2024, the NJ Department of Health and the Wayne Health Department determined that the COVID Outbreak that began on October 17, 2023 was concluded. *Masks will continue to be worn by staff during resident care, but are not required to be worn in common areas.* Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist can be reached at 973-585-2181 to answer any questions.

The CDC now considers a person has “up to date” COVID vaccination status as follows:

- Individuals aged 65 years and older who have received two doses of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine or received one dose of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine within the past 4 months.
- Individuals younger than 65 years of age who have received one dose of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine.

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.

Resident Stacy Moore has been diligently working in support of NJ Assembly Bill A3908 to increase the monthly personal needs allowance for residents. The current allowance is \$50.00/month. Information on who to contact in the Assembly to support the bill is available at our entrance lobby and is posted throughout our Home. Ms. Moore is available to answer any questions. Her contact information is included on the information flyers.

On March 31, 2024, a resident who lived on Plaza West (1-300) passed away after being part of our family since October 1997. We offer our condolences to his family and our thanks to our staff who have cared for him for 26 years.

A plumbing repair is scheduled on Friday, April 12, 2024 beginning at 2:00 *am* for approximately three hours for which it is necessary to shut the water supply to our Home. This time has been scheduled to

minimize resident and staff impact. We will implement our emergency plans for a water shutdown. Michael Jordan, Facilities Director and John Reno, Assistant to the Executive Director will be on-site during the repair to resolve any issues.

Elevator #5 (rotunda) and elevator #6 (units 1-200, 2-200, 3-200) are out of service for refurbishment. Thank you for your continued patience!

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

- 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*
- Mother’s Day Tea, May 10, 2024

Save the Date: Memorial Day Parade, May 22, 2024

The Passaic County Board of County Commissioners and the Passaic County Dept of Health Services are sponsoring a “Spring Hygiene Collection” until April 30, 2024. Donations of hygiene and personal grooming products are appreciated and will be given to community-based agencies in Passaic County: Eva’s village, OASIS, CUMAC. There is a collection box in our entrance lobby and the employee entrance.

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

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