



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 24, 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:

- Our staff and colleagues from Passaic County Departments for their assistance to create a tribute to our Veterans during our Memorial Day parade on May 22, 2024.
- Our Dietary staff for the luncheon that was served to the parade participants, our Veterans, and our guests.
- Our staff for their efforts to enable our residents to celebrate mass with Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney and Father James Moss on May 23, 2024.

Congratulations to:

- Mayra Ramos on her promotion to Environmental Services Supervisor!

Welcome to:

- Torencia Fresno, RD, Supervising Dietitian.

We are fortunate for the longevity of many staff and their continuity of care for our residents. After 35 years of service to thousands of residents, Jessy Varghese, RN, Assistant Nursing Supervisor is retiring. Ms. Varghese began her career as an Institutional Assistant and worked through the years to achieve licensure as an LPN and then an RN. With thanks for her dedication, we wish her health, happiness and much enjoyment in retirement!

Work is continuing on the renovation of our elevators. Elevator #5 (rotunda) is back in service. Renovation work will begin on elevator #4 (rotunda) on May 28, 2024. Thank you for your continued patience!

On May 21, 2024 and May 22, 2024, two staff in support positions tested positive for COVID-19. We currently do not have any residents who have tested positive for COVID-19.

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

- Bible Study with Eddy, May 29, 2024
- Celebrating Caribbean American Heritage Month with Steel Drum Music, June 7, 2024
- Jazz Band Concert, June 8, 2024
- Birthday party with Exodus Supreme, June 12, 2024
- Father's Day Barbeque, Rotunda Patio (weather-permitting), June 14, 2024, **12 noon**
- Flag Day Patriotic Music Show, June 14, 2024
- Wayne Library Visit, June 17, 2024

Please note: There will not be Catholic Mass on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 and Thursday, June 6, 2024.

During the Pandemic, the timeframes for the renewal process for Medicaid insurance were postponed. If you receive correspondence from a County Board of Social Services or NJ Family Care and have questions regarding the renewal process, please call Teresa Solano, Business Office Director (973-585-2184) for assistance. Failure to complete the renewal process by the specified deadline will result in the termination of Medicaid. Resources are available on www.nj.gov/StayCoveredNJ.

The New Jersey Department of Health has released the final report of the New Jersey Task Force on Long Term Care Quality & Safety: <https://www.nj.gov/health/ltc/documents/nj-task-force-ltc-quality-and-safety-report.pdf>. The Report includes prioritizing investment in home- and community-based services (HCBS) to help more individuals age with dignity in their own homes, adoption of policies to incentivize development of nursing homes that are smaller and more home-like and supporting ways to empower and retain staff and reverse the trend of a shrinking long-term care workforce.

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 Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Service Supervisor, Food Service Workers and Recreation Therapist. 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; Patrick Kuiken, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist 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