



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 19, 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:

- Helena and Sophia Kim for hosting “Zooming thru Music and Games” with our residents. Their program was created during the COVID pandemic to use virtual performances to fight isolation. We appreciate that they brought their creativity to us in the form of games made from everyday items.
- All Star Taekwondo and Fitness participants for the martial arts demonstration for our residents.
- Officer Chris Christides from the Passaic County Sheriff's Office, Community Policing Division, for the presentation on internet safety and identity theft.

Congratulations to:

- *Charlotte Degrado on the celebration of her 100th birthday on August 20, 2024!*
- Joshua Romaine on his achievement of an RN license!
- Ma Carmela Serrano Swing on her promotion to Assistant Nursing Supervisor!

On August 16, 2024, a resident who lives on resident unit 3-200 tested positive for COVID-19. On August 12, 2024, a C NA who works on resident unit 3-200, with a last day worked of August 9, 2024, tested positive. Symptoms of residents and staff are being monitored. Our resident is on transmission-based precautions on resident unit 2-400 “C”.

Recently, two residents who were admitted to a local hospital tested positive for Candida Auris, a yeast pathogen. The hospital is testing patients who are admitted to the hospital for this pathogen. The sources of the pathogen for the two residents had not yet been determined. Upon notification of the positive results, the New Jersey Department of Health directed that we test residents to identify if other residents might have this pathogen. To date, seventy-eight residents have been tested with the consent of the resident/resident designated representative and all results were negative. One test result is pending. Twenty residents will be tested on August 20, 2024. We will continue to test as directed by the NJ Department of Health. Residents who test positive are placed on transmission-based precautions. Patrick Kuiken, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist may be reached at 973-585-2181 to answer any questions.

The August issue of the Beacon, A Newsletter for Long-Term Care Residents published by the NJ Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman includes an invitation to participate in “The Power of My Voice “ by submitting essays, poems, stories, songs, artworks, videos or audio recordings by September 1, 2024. Details can be found at [TINYURL.COM/4P8M4AVB](https://tinyurl.com/4P8M4AVB). The Newsletter is available at www.NJ.GOV/ooie, at our main entrance and copies are distributed to residents.

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

- Movie Under the Stars, “Mother of the Bride”, August 21, 2024, *Rotunda Patio at 7:30 pm*

- Children’s Talent Show, August 23, 2024, ages 5 through 17 (RSVP:Alina Zalenski, 973-585-2124)
- Music on the Patio, August 24, 2024
- “Beatles” Concert, August 26, 2024
- Latin Dance Party, August 30, 2024
- Friday at the Movies, “The Fall Guy”, September 6, 2024
- North Jersey Concert Band, September 8, 2024
- Wayne Library Visit, September 13, 2024
- Arabic Music and Belly Dancer, September 16, 2024
- Birthday Party, September 18, 2024
- Country Fair, September 20, 2024
- Music on the Patio, September 21, 2024

Catholic mass will be celebrated on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm in our main dining room. Mass will not be celebrated on September 8, 2024.

Protestant Services will be celebrated every other Sunday at 3:30 pm in our main dining room. The September dates are September 15, 2024 and September 29, 2024.

Our BBQ season continues weekly on the rotunda patio, weather-permitting, from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm, with musical entertainment. Flyers are posted throughout our Home indicating the dates and units for the BBQs.

The Hair Salon is open on select Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm (last appointment is 4 pm): August 24, 2024, September 7, 2024, September 21, 2024. Please call the Hair Salon at 973-585-2149 to schedule an appointment or contact a Social Worker at 973-585-2172.

Students will soon return to school. The County of Passaic is partnering with Montclair State University as part of the University’s annual 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance to collect school supply donations. The goal is to provide 300 students at East Side High School in Paterson with everything they need for the new school year. A list of requested donations is available at our entrance security desk and a collection bin is in the entrance lobby. The last day to donate is August 30, 2024. Thank you for our anticipated support!

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; Patrick Kuiken, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist, 973-585-2181 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