



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, September 4, 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:

- The youth who participated in the talent show on August 23, 2024!
- All who donated to the collection by the County of Passaic in partnership with Montclair State University to provide students at East Side High School in Paterson with school supplies.

On or about September 9, 2024, we will begin a project to replace our dishwasher. The project is anticipated to be completed within two weeks. During this time, meals will be served in three compartment disposable containers with a film seal, beverages will be served in disposable containers and plastic utensils will be used. It will be necessary to revise the dinner menu. The revised menu will be distributed to all residents and copies will be available on the resident units for families/friends who wish to review. Jeanette Chaitow, RD, Chief Dietitian, 973-585-2127, jeanettec@passaiccountynj.org or I may be contacted with any questions or concerns.

We will begin a project to enable corridor doors to be held open except during the activation of a fire alarm and several corridor doors will be replaced. The project will begin on or about September 9, 2024.

Weather-permitting, on September 17, 2024, our windows will be washed from the outside and inside each room. Feel free to contact Lamar Davis, Director of Environmental Services at 973-585-2103 with any questions or concerns.

At the time of the last Update, results for testing of Candida Auris were pending for twenty-one residents. All results were received and were negative.

As we enter the respiratory virus season, it is important to take steps to protect our community from illnesses such as influenza, RSV, and COVID-19. Vaccines for these illnesses will soon be available for the 2024-2025 season. We encourage all residents and staff to receive these vaccines to help safeguard their health. Families, residents, and staff can reach out to Patrick Kuiken, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist for any questions or concerns about the vaccinations. Vaccines are administered to residents only upon the consent of the resident/designated representative. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our community safe and healthy.

The website for the NJ Office of the Long-term Care Ombudsman includes the September issue of the Beacon, A Newsletter for Long-Term Care Residents published by the NJ Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and includes an invitation for residents to participate in free, virtual sessions of the 48th Annual Conference on the Power of Together. 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:

- Friday at the Movies, “The Fall Guy”, September 6, 2024
- **North Jersey Concert Band**, September 8, 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
- Wayne Library Visit, September 23, 2024
- Bible Study with Eddy, September 25, 2024
- Resident Careers’ Day, September 30, 2024

Catholic mass is celebrated on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm in our main dining room. Mass will be celebrated *virtually on September 8, 2024 at 10:30 am.*

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): 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.

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