



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, October 23, 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:

- Rabbi Randy Mark who celebrated Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with our residents.

On October 24, 2024, the transfer switch for the emergency generator for resident units 1-300, Pathway and 2-300 will be replaced with a new switch. Work will begin at 6 am. There will be two periods of time for one hour or less when there will not be any power in these areas at the beginning and end of the project. First shutdown is anticipated to begin at 7 am. Second shutdown will be at the end of the project which will be in the evening. During the shutdown periods, the following systems will be effected: fire alarm system, elevators to second floor (to Pathway and to 2-300), nurse call, lighting, HVAC, resident televisions, computer/phone systems. Residents on the second floor (Pathway and 2-300) will be temporarily transferred to resident units 2-400 and 1-300 of our Home because there would not be elevators to use for an emergency response to Pathway and 2-300 during the shutdown periods. During the shutdown periods, a fire watch will be conducted, battery-powered lighting will be provided, and arrangements have been made for medical equipment that is electrically powered. The anticipated weather on October 24, 2024 is conducive to brief interruptions of HVAC service. Nursing Supervisors will inform residents/designated representatives of the temporary resident transfers.

Residents who vote by absentee ballot should have received their ballots. As a reminder, the ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. Residents may direct any concerns to their Social Workers.

On October 22, 2024, a resident who lives on resident unit 2-400 tested positive for COVID. Symptoms of residents and staff are being monitored. Residents and staff who had close contact will be tested.

Patrick Kuiken, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist is continuing to administer the 2024-2025 Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine and/or the Influenza vaccine to residents if the resident and/or their designated representatives have provided consent. Mr. Kuiken may be reached at 973-585-2181 to answer any questions.

In accordance with New Jersey P.L. 2019 Chapter 330, C:26:2H-18.79, all staff who do not have a medical or religious exemption must be vaccinated for influenza each year. References in the law to staff include but are not limited to employed and contract staff, volunteers, and physicians. Flyers are posted throughout our Home indicating the dates/times when the influenza vaccines are available. Patrick Kuiken, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist is available to answer any questions.

Our Thanksgiving dinner celebration will be on Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 12:00 noon. There will be one seating. Residents may invite three guests to dine with them in the main dining room. *Seating is limited.* Please call Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations at 973-585-2161 for a reservation. The reservation deadline is November 22, 2024. If after making a reservation you are not able to attend, please let us know because we usually have a waiting list.

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

- Diwali Celebration, October 28, 2024
- Wayne Library Visit, October 30, 2024
- Halloween Party, October 31, 2024 *Costumes are encouraged!*
- Rock and Roll Musical Celebration, November 2, 2024
- Board and Card Games, November 6, 2024
- Veterans' Day Service, November 11, 2024
- DJ Dance and Birthday Party, November 13, 2024
- Friday at the Movies, "Family Switch", November 15, 2024
- The History of Lambert Castle, November 18, 2024
- Big Bingo, November 20, 2024
- Martial Arts Demonstration, November 23, 2024

Catholic Mass is celebrated on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm in our main dining room. Mass will not be celebrated on October 31, 2024.

Protestant Services are celebrated every other Sunday at 3:30 pm in our main dining room. Services will be celebrated on October 27, 2024, November 10, 2024 and November 24, 2024.

The Hair Salon is open on Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm (last appointment is 4 pm). 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