

Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, as of April 28, 2020 (As of 5 pm)

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website, the Passaic County Facebook page and distributed to all staff. Our social workers will distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it. Notification of the Update will be made on the Constant Contact email group for families who have elected to provide their email addresses.

Yesterday, was a sad day for us as our fifteenth resident passed away from COVID-19, especially since he was the husband of one of our residents who passed away last week. We offer our heart-felt condolences to his family and friends and our support for our staff as we grieve the loss of our residents.

To date, for our 312 residents:

- One hundred ten residents have been tested. Cumulatively, sixty-five resident test results were positive, thirty-one were negative and results are pending for fourteen residents. Thirteen of the current residents who tested positive are asymptomatic.
- One hundred eight of our 529 staff have been tested. Cumulatively, fifty-three staff test results were positive, fifty-three were negative and results are pending for two staff.
 Twenty-nine asymptomatic staff have returned to work.
- Two residents who have tested positive remain hospitalized.

Calls are made by nursing staff to the designated representatives for residents who are directly impacted by illness, testing or hospitalization. We continue to test residents on-site who exhibit any of the possible symptoms of COVID-19 and who are clinically appropriate for on-site testing. Of our ten resident units, three units are on quarantine with residents who have tested positive; three units are on precautionary isolation. All residents who return from an emergency room visit are isolated on a separate wing of a resident unit for approximately fourteen days.

We are now set-up to offer WEB-EX virtual visits. Suzanne McEvoy will explain the process in the next issue of the Preakness Press. Please reach out to Suzanne McEvoy at suzanned@passaiccountynj.org if you would like to schedule a virtual visit.

Many thanks for the continued support of our residents, families, staff and the community during these challenging and emotional times. *Heroes do work here!*

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA Executive Director