



# Preakness Healthcare Center

## A Legacy of Caring since 1929

---

Update, as of April 30, 2020  
(As of 6 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.

Today was a hopeful day because we received the test results for five residents who had tested positive during the period March 28 through April 6, and the *test results were negative!* The five residents have been symptom-free for an extended period of time which was the criteria established by our Medical Director for the second test.

While our residents are more than “numbers”, we are providing the following update for our 311 residents:

- One hundred thirty-three residents have been tested. Cumulatively, seventy-seven resident test results were positive \*\*, forty-one were negative and results are pending for fifteen residents. \*\* This includes the five residents who have now tested negative.
- One hundred fifteen of our 529 staff have been tested. Cumulatively, fifty-four staff test results were positive, fifty-three were negative and results are pending for eight staff. Twenty-nine asymptomatic staff have returned to work.
- Three residents are hospitalized.

Calls are made by nursing staff to the designated representatives for residents who are directly impacted by illness, testing, hospitalization or who must temporarily move to a different room or unit to cohort residents together who test positive and residents who test negative. Please accept my apologies for the temporary relocations that occurred today before the designated representatives were notified. Staff were eager to protect our residents and some residents were temporarily relocated before staff called the designated representatives. Of our ten resident units, three units are on quarantine with residents who have tested positive; three units are on precautionary isolation. Residents who return from an emergency room visit or outpatient medical appointment are isolated on a separate wing of a resident unit for approximately fourteen days.

We continue to test residents on-site who exhibit any of the possible symptoms of COVID-19 or who are on a unit where residents have tested positive. We will continue to retest residents who have tested positive and have been symptom-free as directed by our Medical Director.

Many residents who utilize direct deposit for their personal needs allowance accounts received the “Economic Impact Stimulus Payment” today. We will provide more details in the next update letter.

Many thanks for the continued support of our residents, families, staff and the community during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Do Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director