



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 3, 2020

*Please Note:* This Update is posted on the Passaic County website, the Passaic County Facebook page, 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 and Therapeutic Recreation staff distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it.

On December 2, 2020, the NJ Department of Health issued the Standing Physician's Order to enable us to begin the "Long-term Care Testing Regimen Pilot Program" on December 3, 2020. 296 staff who worked on the day and evening shifts were tested with negative results. Night shift staff testing is pending. Staff and all who enter our Home will be tested every other day on a cycle that began today and will continue through December 14, 2020 or until the antigen testing supplies provided by the State are depleted. We thank our dedicated test team and their new assistants, and our efficient and organized clerical support team who smoothly transitioned the staff test process to the new antigen test process! When the Test Pilot Program is over, weekly testing of staff will resume.

Prior to the start of the Pilot Program on December 3, 2020, 340 staff were tested on December 2, 2020 for our weekly testing of staff. Of the results that were received, one result was positive; 277 results are pending.

Since the last Update on November 30, five staff have tested positive. The five staff include two nurses who worked on resident unit 2-400, a C NA who worked on resident units 2-400 and 2-300, a Food Services Worker and a Security Guard. The pending confirmatory tests for the two positive antigen test results reported in the November 30 update were positive.

Residents continue to be tested weekly. 117 results from the testing on November 30 through December 3, 2020 are pending. The results that were received were negative.

We continue to be in an Outbreak that began on September 8, 2020 when a resident tested positive. During this Outbreak, three residents have tested positive on September 8, October 28 and November 25, 2020. 29 staff have tested positive: three in September, three in October, twenty in November and three in December to date.

Our quarantine status is as follows. *Please note:* Essential caregiver visitation is suspended on all units due to the "facility-onset" positive COVID-19 status of a resident on November 25.

- 1-200 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/14.

- 1-300 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended only for the specific residents who were placed on transmission-based precautions until 12/9.
- 1-400: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/9.
- 2-400 resident unit excluding the vent unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/9.
- 3-400 resident unit: Outdoor visitation is suspended until 12/9.

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.

If you have questions related to Infection Prevention, please call Cristina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181.

Please call 973-585-2145 to speak with Lisandro Perez, Jr to schedule an outdoor visit. Outdoor visits are weather-permitting. As written in this Update, outdoor visitation is in accordance with quarantine and transmission-based precautions.

Virtual visits may be arranged by calling Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at 973-585-2124 or Lee Livingston, Senior Recreation Therapist at 973-585-2163. If there is a request for hair salon services, you may direct the request to Ms. Zalenski or Ms. Livingston.

Passaic County continues to offer free COVID-19 testing at home and at mobile sites for Passaic County residents. Please see the Passaic County website ([passaiccountynj.org](http://passaiccountynj.org)) for the details.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff and the sacrifices they make and the continued support we receive during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director