



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, December 30, 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.

Yesterday and today, we received seven positive COVID test result for residents: six residents on our 1-400 resident unit from tests on December 28, 2020 and one resident on 1-200 who was tested on December 29. Our residents were transferred to the 3-400 C, COVID positive unit. As of this writing, 48 results are pending for residents for tests that have been completed December 28 through December 30, 2020.

Resident units 1-200, 1-400, 2-400 including the vent unit and Pathway are on quarantine. Please note: Essential caregiver visitation is suspended on all units due to the resident, facility-onset positive COVID cases.

293 staff were tested on Monday, December 28, 2020 and 414 staff were tested today using antigen tests. One C NA who works on several units tested positive today. Staff who are scheduled to work on Saturday, January 2, 2021 will be tested. All staff will be tested on Monday, January 4, 2021 and on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

You may have read in the news about the students in the National Honor Society of Wayne Valley and the National Junior Honor Society of Anthony Wayne, the Confirmation students at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Wayne and their friends and families who collected donations and gifts for residents in nursing facilities. Due to their generosity, our residents received holiday gifts. On behalf of our residents, we thank and appreciate their efforts to remember our residents for the holidays.

We will wish our resident Marie Youngster a happy 105th birthday on January 2, 2021! Ms. Youngster was from Paterson before joining our family in January 2020.

Our vaccination clinic dates for the first administration of the COVID-19 vaccines on January 3, January 8 and January 9, 2021 and for the second administration on January 24, January 29 and January 30, 2021 were confirmed by CVS. CVS technicians will be on-site from 10 am to 4 pm. To date, we have registered 162 residents, 78 staff and 11 essential caregivers. Vaccine information is available for your review at [https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/EUA\\_Pfizer\\_FactSheet\\_for\\_Recipients.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/EUA_Pfizer_FactSheet_for_Recipients.pdf).

Christina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist is in the process of finalizing the appointment times for the administration of the vaccines on January 3, 2021. Feel free to call Mrs. Hucalla at 973- 585-2181 with any questions.

Donna Parisi, President of the Resident Council has asked that if there are any concerns or questions for the Resident Council that a message be left for her with Sharon Link, Director of Social Services at 973-585-2148 and Ms. Link will inform Ms. Parisi.

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, Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, Assistant Executive Director may be reached at 973-585-2113 to address any concerns.

Please call 973-585-2145 to speak with Lisandro Perez, Jr to schedule an outdoor visit, weather-permitting. At this point in time, outdoor visitation may occur for residents on units 2-200, 3- 200, 1-300, 2-300 and 3-400. Please be reminded that NJ has restrictions in place for those who travel from other states. Visitors from these states may not visit unless the person has completed the required quarantine period. You may also request an Essential Caregiver application from Mr. Perez for this type of future visit.

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.

Last year as we have done for many years, we celebrated New Years Eve with our residents to ring in 2020 with all of its promises for the future. 2020 has been a year much different than we could have imagined. One of our residents recently shared with me that this has been the worst time of his 98 year life. And, then, after we discussed history and the experiences he has lived through, we agreed that there have always been challenges and difficulties throughout history and we will persevere. We extend our wishes to you for a healthy and happy New Year!

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