



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, June 24, 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.

We were thrilled to welcome back visitors for outdoor visitation on Sunday and Monday and to reunite residents with their family members and friends! To avoid having visitors walk on grass to enter the patio, we closed our patio yesterday for the construction of a sidewalk, and to give us time to arrange to have portable toilets brought to the parking lot and to install different tents over the benches. It was our plan to reopen to visitors on Saturday, June 27.

Since the last Update, three residents and eleven staff have tested positive or presumptive positive in the weekly testing. Our Nursing Supervisors and nurses will inform any residents and their designated representatives if a resident has had contact with the staff.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 293 residents and staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred thirteen residents test positive for COVID-19. The cumulative total includes fifty-nine residents who were positive and have twice tested negative, twenty-seven residents who tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was presumed positive. One resident is hospitalized.
- One hundred thirteen staff have tested positive. Seventy-nine staff have returned to work.

We were saddened Sunday night by the passing of our resident who has lived with us since May 2019. We offer our condolences to her daughter and to her family, friends and co-residents and thank our staff who have taken care of her.

Due to the positive test results, visitation will be postponed. On Thursday, we will contact families/friends who had scheduled visits. We will let you know when visitation resumes.

Passaic County is offering free COVID-19 testing at home for Passaic County residents and is also offering testing at mobile sites. Please see the Passaic County website for the details.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff and the sacrifices they have made and the continued support of our residents, families, colleagues throughout Passaic County, the community and those who assist in the testing of residents and staff during these challenging and emotional times.

Preakness Strong Heroes Do Work Here!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director