



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 12, 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.

I am writing this brief update to share our encouraging news: we now have eleven residents who were diagnosed with COVID-19 who have tested negative on two consecutive retests!! Since this meets the NJ DOH requirements for the discontinuance of the transmission-based precautions, we will discuss with our residents and their designated representatives relocation from the positive cohort section of the unit to other available rooms.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 301 residents and 529 staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred three residents test positive for COVID-19. This includes our eleven residents who have now tested negative, eighteen residents who tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was not tested but was presumed positive. Two hundred sixteen residents have tested negative. Eleven residents are hospitalized; one resident is scheduled to return this evening.
- Seventy-one staff have tested positive and one hundred sixty-four staff have tested negative.

In accordance with Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli's Executive Directive 20-013 issued today, all staff and residents must be tested by May 26 to establish a baseline. Staff and residents who test negative must be retested within three to seven days after baseline testing and will be retested in accordance with CDC Guidance.

This morning we were thanked by an Appreciation Caravan from 1199J/AFSCME staff. We appreciate the enthusiastic show of support and recognition for the work of our staff that we received!

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