



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 14, 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.

This week as we continue National Skilled Nursing Care Week, we are reminded of the challenges and responsibilities that make us health care professionals. Our eleven residents who are now COVID negative moved today from the positive cohort wing of the 3-400 unit to rejoin their co-residents. We are very grateful to the staff of this unit for the care they have provided and the care they have shown to our residents on their roads to recovery. Their commitment has been an inspiration to us.

While we are encouraged by the recovery of our residents, we are heart-broken at the passing yesterday evening of two of our residents. One resident has been with us since 2003 --- many families and co-residents will remember him as our unbeatable Scrabble champion and will miss his stories of life in Eastside High School. Our second resident who was 100 years young has been with us since 2017. Her quiet demeanor and pleasant personality will be missed. We offer our condolences to both families, their friends and co-residents of Preakness and to our staff who provided their care.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 299 residents and 529 staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred four residents test positive for COVID-19. This includes our eleven residents who have now tested negative, twenty residents who tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was presumed positive. Two hundred eighteen residents have tested negative. Nine residents are hospitalized.
- Seventy-two staff have tested positive and one hundred seventy-five staff have tested negative. Forty-four staff have returned to work.

In accordance with Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli's Executive Directive 20-013, 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. Staff will be tested on May 15 with additional dates to be scheduled. Residents who live on our 2-400 unit and its respiratory wing were retested today.

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