



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 3, 2020
(As of 5 pm)

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.

Today two of our residents who were COVID positive passed away. We are saddened by the loss of our residents and are thankful to the staff who have cared for them and have been a part of their families. We offer our condolences to their families and friends, and to their co-residents.

We are providing the following update for our 310 residents:

- One hundred thirty-seven residents have been tested. Cumulatively, eighty-four resident test results were positive, fifty-three were negative and no results are pending. Seventeen residents have passed away.
- One hundred twenty of our 529 staff have been tested. Cumulatively, fifty-six staff test results were positive, fifty-four were negative and results are pending for ten staff.
- Five residents are hospitalized.

Calls are made by nursing staff to the designated representatives for residents who are directly impacted by illness, testing, hospitalization or who must temporarily move to a different room or unit to cohort residents together who test positive and residents who test negative. Of our ten resident units, three units are on quarantine with residents who have tested positive; three units are on precautionary isolation. Residents who return from an emergency room visit or an outpatient appointment are isolated on a separate wing of a resident unit for approximately fourteen days.

We continue to test residents on-site who exhibit any of the possible symptoms of COVID-19 or who are on a unit where residents have tested positive. On Monday, May 4, we will test asymptomatic residents on a unit that has had residents test positive. We will continue to retest residents who have tested positive and have been symptom-free as directed by our Medical Director.

As we approach ***National Nurses Day on May 6***, we give thanks for our nurses for their selfless care of others and the sacrifices they make. 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