



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, as of April 25, 2020
(As of 6 pm)

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website, the Passaic County Facebook page and distributed to all staff. Our social workers will distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it. Notification of the Update will be made on the Constant Contact email group for families who have elected to provide their email addresses.

Yesterday evening, we said good-bye to one of our residents who passed away who had tested positive for COVID. Through the many years of caring for our residents and sharing experiences with them, we have developed close bonds with our residents. We mourn for all of our residents who have passed away and extend our condolences to their families and friends, including their co-residents at Preakness.

We are providing the following update for our census of 314 residents:

- Eighty-two residents have been tested. Forty-four resident test results were positive, twenty-four were negative and results are pending for fourteen residents. Fourteen of the forty-four residents who tested positive have tragically passed away. Eight of the residents who tested positive are asymptomatic.
- One hundred five of our 529 staff have been tested. Forty-six staff test results were positive, forty-six were negative and results are pending for thirteen staff. We are encouraged by our staff who are returning to work from periods of at home-quarantine.
- Two residents who have tested positive remain hospitalized.

Calls are made by nursing staff to the designated representatives for residents who are directly impacted by illness, testing or hospitalization. We continue to test residents on-site who are clinically appropriate for on-site testing. We are cohorting together residents who have tested positive, residents who are presumed positive pending test results and residents who do not exhibit any signs or symptoms of illness, and are grateful to the staff who are caring for them. Of our ten resident units, two units are on quarantine with residents who have tested positive; four units are on precautionary isolation. All residents who return from an emergency room visit are isolated on a separate wing of a resident unit for approximately fourteen days.

We are grateful to the support we have received from the community: cards and artwork from school children and decorative fabric masks for our residents, in addition to letters and emails of encouragement for staff.

Since visitor restrictions are not likely to be lifted by the regulatory agencies before Mother's Day, please reach out to Suzanne McEvoy at suzanned@passaiccountynj.org if you would like to schedule a virtual visit on Mother's Day so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Many thanks for the continued support of our residents, families and staff during these challenging and emotional times. ***Heroes do work here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director