



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, June 30, 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.

On Thursday, July 2, we will resume outdoor visitation. During the time that visitation was suspended, a sidewalk and sturdier tents were installed and portable toilets were placed in the parking area adjacent to the patio.

Residents who are not suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, who are not quarantined for a COVID-19 exposure or who are not on isolation and who give informed consent to receive a visitor in a designated outdoor visitation space may have two adult visitors at a time, weather permitting. Adult visitors will include youth between the ages of 16 and 18. The designated outdoor visiting area for Preakness Healthcare Center is the patio that is located directly behind the main entrance.

Visitation by appointment is scheduled between the hours of 1:30 pm and 5:15 pm, daily, weather permitting, as follows, under the supervision of staff who will wear an N-95 mask. Walk-in visits will not be approved.

- 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm
- 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm
- 3:30 to 4:15 pm
- 4:30 to 5:15 pm

The change to begin the visits at 1:30 pm will avoid conflicts with resident lunch schedules. Residents, visitors and staff must wear masks during the visits. Preakness Healthcare Center will provide face masks.

Appointments may be requested by calling 973-585-2132 or by email to [lcorrado@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:lcorrado@passaiccountynj.org) and providing the name of the resident, name of the visitor(s), requested date/time to visit and a phone number or email for confirmation of request. The phone messages are checked when staff are not in the office.

The visitor(s) of residents who are chosen by the resident to visit will enter at the main entrance, perform hand-hygiene using the hand sanitizer, put on the surgical mask provided by Security staff, have his/her temperature taken and will be screened for signs/symptoms possibly indicative of infectious communicable diseases including COVID-19 symptoms. Visitors with signs or symptoms of COVID will not be permitted to visit.

Visitor(s) who are approved to visit based on the screening must sign an informed consent regarding the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19. As per the NJ DOH Directive, visitors may not use facility restrooms nor may visitors or residents smoke or eat during the visit. Water may be brought in but may not be shared. Social distancing must be practiced during the visit. The Outdoor Visitation Policy may be obtained from the Passaic County website, [www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org), under Preakness Healthcare Center or you may request a copy from me.

Since the last Update, there have not been any new positive or presumptive positive test results for residents or staff in the weekly testing. The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 295 residents and staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred thirteen residents test positive for COVID-19. The cumulative total includes fifty-eight 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. Two residents are hospitalized.
- One hundred thirteen staff have tested positive. Ninety-one staff have returned to work.

Passaic County continues to offer 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 Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director