



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, June 3, 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.

While we certainly do not regard our residents and staff as “numbers”, we know that the numbers are an important determinant of where we are in the Pandemic. At the time of the last update on May 30, we had received partial results for the residents and staff who were tested between May 26 and May 29 as part of the retest process for residents and the baseline process for all staff. We have now received the majority of the results. 20 resident results are outstanding from May 29. We are pleased to report that *no residents have tested positive* and several residents received their second negative test result which is used to determine the discontinuation of the transmission-based precautions. Nursing staff are continuing to inform residents and their designated representatives of the test results. We are reviewing available rooms for the transfer of the residents who were previously positive and will discuss options with the residents and their designated representatives. 88 results are pending from the 373 staff who were tested. One staff tested positive and 284 staff tested negative.

This week thus far, we tested residents on 1-300, Pathway, 1-200, 2-200, 3-400 and approximately half of our staff for the retest process. All results are pending.

Yesterday, we were heart-broken when one of our residents who had returned from the hospital passed away. There are no words to describe how we feel when our residents succumb to the effects of the virus. When we are permitted to open our rotunda to residents and their families/guests, we will miss the walks our resident took with his family members to the rotunda and other areas. We thank our staff who provided his care and offer our condolences to his family, his friends and his co-residents.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 292 residents and staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred nine residents test positive for COVID-19. The cumulative total includes twelve residents who were positive and have twice tested negative, twenty-three residents who tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was presumed positive. Two hundred twenty-nine residents have tested negative. Seven residents are hospitalized.
- Ninety-eight staff have tested positive. Sixty-five staff have returned to work.

Today, we had an unannounced Infection Control COVID Focused Survey by the NJ Department of Health. During the survey, no deficient practices were cited. Our documentation including policies and procedures for the Pandemic and Outbreak Response will be reviewed off-site by the NJ DOH staff. I will share the results of the survey when received.

To date, nursing homes have not received approval from the NJ DOH to allow visitation. We continue to arrange compassionate end of life visits by family members. These visits require that the family member who will visit tests negative within one week of the visit.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff and the continued support of our residents, families, our 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 Do Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director