



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 7, 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 we completed the testing of all of our residents who had not yet been tested. We appreciate the teams who tested our residents: our staff of Linda VanDerVeen, Daniel Nasulme and Ibby Grullon, and the volunteers from the Passaic County test center. Next week we will retest residents who had an initial test more than seven days ago.

We are providing the following cumulative update for our 306 residents and 529 staff:

- Ninety-two resident test results were positive, one hundred seven results were negative and one hundred thirty-three results are pending. Eighteen residents have passed away.
- Sixty-four staff test results were positive, fifty-eight were negative and results are pending for eight staff. Thirty-nine staff have returned to work.
- Eleven residents who are COVID + are hospitalized.

We continue to test residents who exhibit any of the possible symptoms of COVID-19 or who are on a unit where residents have tested positive. We will continue to retest residents who have tested positive and have been symptom-free as directed by our Medical Director.

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. Three units are on isolation quarantine status with residents who have tested positive. Residents who return from hospitalization, an emergency room visit or an outpatient appointment are isolated on a separate wing of a resident unit for approximately fourteen days.

On May 8, Passaic County will test all County staff who wish to be tested. Approximately one hundred Preakness staff plan to be tested.

Thank you to Suzanne McEvoy for organizing our "Toast to Nurses" yesterday. She will have many pictures to share in the next Preakness Press. Special thanks to Paulette Demauro for the beautiful "Preakness Strong" bows for our lampposts.

We are preparing to celebrate a much different Mother's Day. Flowers are delivered upon receipt to our residents. Packages are held for one day and the exterior package is sanitized before delivering the package to our resident.

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