



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, Sept 24, 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.

The NJ Executive Directive 20-026 for the reopening of nursing homes includes a special category of visitor: Essential Caregivers. As explained on our Essential Caregivers Policy that was posted on the Preakness Healthcare Center page of the Passaic County website, the visit is not a social visit. Essential Caregivers are expected to assist and encourage residents with activities of daily living and care needs. In accordance with the Executive Directive, residents may have Essential Caregivers if they are not suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, are not quarantined for a COVID-19 exposure or are not on isolation. Isolation includes residents who are on the 14 day Observation Unit. Our Social Workers will meet with each resident or speak with each resident's designated representative to determine who a resident would like to have as a visitor in this category. Feel free to call the Social Worker for your family member or friend to discuss your participation if you wish to be designated as an Essential Caregiver. The policy includes an Application and Agreement with Informed Consent that must be returned to me. Because we are in Phase "O", an Essential Caregiver may visit once/week for a maximum of two hours per visit.

Staff were tested on September 23 and 24, 2020. As of this writing, 192 results have been received for the 369 staff tested. All results received were negative.

All resident test results have been received for tests done through September 23, 2020. All results received were negative. Today's resident test results are pending. As is done every shift, the vital signs of our residents are monitored for any signs of COVID.

The 14 day Quarantine period for residents who live in rooms 2-301 through 2-316 ended on September 22. Resident outdoor visits may resume.

As a reminder, we are accepting food for delivery to residents on weekdays between the hours of 11 am to 1 pm, or you may bring the food when you come for an outdoor visit. The food must be in a container that can be sanitized that will not affect the integrity of the food within it. Beverages in take-out type containers such as coffee cups or soda cups are not accepted.

If you have an urgent call or complaint, please call Preakness Healthcare Center Security staff at 973-317-7023 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person.

Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule an outdoor visit. Please be reminded that social distancing of six or more feet is required during the visit.

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 make and the continued support we receive during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong
Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director