



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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March 28, 2020

Dear Residents, Families, and Staff:

Today, a case of COVID-19, the illness resulting from the novel coronavirus, has been diagnosed in a resident of our Home who is currently in the hospital. This resident is being safely cared for in the hospital. We have notified public health officials as required and are following procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Our residents are safe and we are taking every step as recommended by authorities to contain the spread. Our wish is for the speedy recovery of this individual.

Preakness Healthcare Center is prepared to manage an infectious disease outbreak. Over the past month our staff received additional education and took extensive actions to prevent the COVID19 virus. Staff and residents were educated about COVID19 prevention including proper handwashing, cough etiquette, social distancing and use of Personal Protective Equipment.

We have been closed to visitors since March 8, 2020. All staff have been, and are being screened, prior to starting their shifts to assure they are symptom free to minimize any additional exposures. Additionally, all staff have been trained to use appropriate protective equipment during caregiving and trained about how to self-monitor their health and to report exposure to COVID-19. Staff are prohibited from outside employment as per Passaic County Administrative Order.

At this time, we are focused on minimizing the spread of this virus. Developments are changing day by day. Our focus remains on the health and well-being of our residents and staff. We acknowledge and thank our staff for the concern and commitment they have shown to our residents during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director

cc: Anthony DeNova, County Administrator  
Kelly Ruffel, Deputy County Administrator  
Dr. Magda Eraiba, Medical Director  
Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, Assistant Executive Director