



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, April 11, 2021

*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.

Since the last Update on April 8, 2021, one nurse who worked on resident unit 2-400/observation unit tested positive on April 10, 2021 during an off-site test. The last date the nurse worked at Preakness was on April 7, 2021. Since the residents on this unit are already on transmission-based precautions, there will not be an additional quarantine. We currently have six staff who are positive out of work. (Note: correction to previous Update --- staff were tested on April 5 and 7, 2021, not April 6 and 8, 2021 as I incorrectly wrote.)

We have received all results from resident testing last week except one. All results received were negative. Currently, we do not have any residents who are positive for COVID-19.

We are saddened to learn that our colleague, Karen Davis, retired Food Services Worker recently passed away. Prior to the Pandemic closures and her retirement, many residents and families had the opportunity to interact with Ms. Davis as she cheerfully worked at the Rotunda Café each afternoon. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Ms. Davis' family which includes one of our Food Services Workers.

Weather-permitting, staff and residents are planning to have a Baseball Opening Day/DJ Dance Party in the resident patio, socially-distanced, on April 13, 2021. Staff and residents are encouraged to wear their favorite baseball team shirt.

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. In addition, Dr. Geoffrey Mugal, Assistant Executive Director may be reached at 973-585-2113 to address any concerns.

Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule outdoor, compassionate or end of life visits. Phone messages are checked each day including weekends. As of April 11, 2021, we can offer outdoor visitation (for all units except the 2-400 Observation Unit), compassionate care visits and end of life visitation.

If there are concerns or questions for the Resident Council and you need to reach Donna Parisi, President of the Resident Council, please leave a message with Sharon Link, Director of Social Services at 973-585-2148.

Virtual visits or hair salon requests may be arranged by calling Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at 973-585-2124 or Lee Livingston, Senior Recreation Therapist at 973-585-2163.

Passaic County continues to offer free COVID-19 testing at home and at mobile sites for Passaic County residents, and COVID vaccines for eligible patients. Please see the Passaic County website ([passaiccountynj.org](http://passaiccountynj.org)) for the details.

Best wishes to our residents, their families and our staff who will observe Ramadan this week.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff, their sacrifices 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