



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, April 16, 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.

This Update is written to provide the results from resident testing for April 15, 2021. All results were received and included that one resident from the 2-400 observation unit tested positive. Our resident was admitted on April 6, 2021 and tested negative prior to admission. Because this test result occurred within the first 14 days of admission, the result is considered as a "non-facility onset covid-19 case". Our resident was transferred to the COVID positive 2-400 "C" unit.

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 Mugalu, 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 16, 2021, we can offer outdoor visitation (for all units except the 2-400 Observation, 2-400 Respiratory/trach and 2-400 COVID positive 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 or Theresa Nikithser, Vice President, 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) for the details.

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