



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, February 10, 2021
Celebrating Black History Month

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.

Yesterday, we were surveyed for the fifth time since the start of the Pandemic by the NJ DOH for a COVID-19 Focused Infection Control Survey. We're pleased to report that we were found to be in compliance with the infection control regulations and CDC recommended practices for COVID-19. Thank you to our staff for your efforts and to our residents for your cooperation --- we're all in this together!

With the exception of eleven results for residents who test with saliva tests, resident results were received from the resident testing with nasopharyngeal testing on February 8 and 9, 2021. Four residents tested positive: two residents from 1-400 and two residents from 1-300. Three of the four residents were previously positive in April and May, 2020. All four residents were fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccines. Our residents were transferred to the COVID positive 2-400 "C" unit. Currently, there are twelve residents on this unit. Five residents will return to their units tomorrow.

397 staff were tested on February 8, 2021 with antigen tests. All results were negative. 406 staff were tested today with saliva tests.

Next week, in recognition of the Presidents' Day holiday, staff will be tested with antigen tests on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and Friday, February 19, 2021.

Sr. Pat and Fr. Jim will offer a prayer service and ashes for our residents on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 following all COVID requirements.

In honor of Black History Month, Lorraine Stone will be "with" us through our in-house TV system for a special presentation on February 18th at 2:45 pm.

Our final vaccination clinics with CVS are scheduled for February 15 and 20, 2021. Please note this is a change in the schedule. CVS has combined the February 14 and February 15 clinics to February 15, 2021. Our COVID-19 vaccination numbers to date are as follows:

- Residents: 199 are fully vaccinated, 11 are partially vaccinated
- Staff: 173 are fully vaccinated, 56 are partially vaccinated

Four residents have passed away since January 29, 2021:

- Our 73 year old resident from 2-300 passed away on January 29, 2021. He joined our family in September 2017.
- Our oldest centenarian who was 105 years old and lived on 2-200 passed away on February 2, 2021. She came to live with us in January 2020.
- Our 99 year old resident from 1-400 passed away on February 3, 2021. She came to Preakness in October 2014 and lived most of her Preakness life on 2-300 with her social circle of ladies who did everything together when we were able to have communal activities.
- Our 98 year old resident from 1-200 passed away on February 5, 2021. She became part of our family in February 2013. She was an active participant in the activities of her unit and Preakness.

The NJ Department of Health requested that we disseminate information on two virtual town halls that the NJ Department of Health is hosting regarding vaccines. Participation is free:

- February 11 at 7 pm, specifically related to concerns in Black and Caribbean communities:
<https://register.gotoebinar.com/register/1577234449455960077>
- February 15 at 7 pm specifically related to concerns in the Latinix community:
<https://register.gotoebinar.com/register/565691448483659789>

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 and Ms. Link will inform Ms. Parisi.

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 speak with Lisandro Perez, Jr to schedule an outdoor visit, a compassionate visit or an end of life visit. Outdoor visitation may occur for residents who are not on isolation or quarantine. You may request an Essential Caregiver application from Mr. Perez. Please note: Essential caregiver visitation continues to be suspended on all units and will be suspended until there have been 14 days without a positive resident, facility-onset, case.

Virtual visits or requests for hair salon services 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. Please see the Passaic County website (passaiccountynj.org) for the details. Passaic County is also offering COVID vaccines for eligible patients. Registration: passaiccountynj.org/COVIDvax.

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