



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 27, 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.

On January 24 and January 25, 2021, CVS pharmacists were on-site for our second COVID-19 vaccination clinics. To date, 207 residents from our total census of 257 residents, 204 staff (including contracted staff) of 500 staff, four medical staff and thirty-seven essential caregivers have had at least one vaccine; most have had two vaccines. CVS will return on January 30, 2021 to administer either first or second vaccines. CVS will then return on February 14, February 15 and February 20, 2021 to administer second vaccines. There aren't any plans, at this point in time, for CVS to return after the February dates. Therefore, January 30 is the last opportunity to receive a first vaccine with a guarantee of a second vaccine. We encourage all residents, staff and essential caregivers who do not have medical contraindications for the COVID-19 vaccine to be vaccinated.

We are continuing our twice weekly testing of staff. 387 staff were tested on-site with antigen tests on January 25, 2021 and 402 staff were tested on January 27, 2021. No staff tested positive. One Environmental Services staff who last worked on January 21, 2021 and was out of work was tested off-site on January 25, 2021 and the result was positive.

During this week's testing of residents, two residents who were tested on January 25, 2021 tested positive: one resident from 1-400 and one resident from 2-300. One resident from 1-200 who was tested on January 26, 2021 tested positive. Seven residents are currently positive on unit 2-400 "C". 63 results are pending for residents from yesterday and today's testing.

Resident units on quarantine are as follows:

- Unit 1-200 through January 31, 2021
- Unit 3-200, "H" section through February 4, 2021
- Please note: Essential caregiver visitation is suspended on all units until there have been 14 days without a positive resident, facility-onset, case.

Two of our long-term residents from unit 3-400 have passed away since the last Update.

- Our 81 year old resident came to live with us in November 2013 with his wife, who passed away in 2014. As time moved on, he became the close companion of another resident and shared his Preakness life with her. Since his career experience had included work in the maintenance field, he offered many suggestions for the improvement of our operations. Among other things, we thank him for the precise organization of our resident library and the time he took to categorize and

organize the books.

- Our 87 year old resident came to live with us in December 2019. Prior to admission, we had known him as our visitor to his wife who was admitted in November 2017. Our resident was inseparable from his wife. Whenever we passed their room and he was out of bed, we would see him lovingly holding his wife's hand.

We thank our staff who have taken care of our residents and offer our condolences to their families, to our resident who has lost her companion, to our resident who has lost her husband, and to their co-residents who have shared experiences together with them.

Donna Parisi, President of the Resident Council has asked that if there are any concerns or questions for the Resident Council that a message be left 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.

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](http://passaiccountynj.org)) 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