



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, January 29, 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 28, 2021, results from resident testing with nasopharyngeal tests that were done on January 27, 2021 were received. Five residents on unit 3-400 tested positive. Three of the five residents had previously tested positive in April 2020. Four residents had at least one COVID-19 vaccine. Our residents were transferred to the COVID positive 2-400 "C" unit. The roommates of the residents who tested positive were placed on transmission-based precautions for fourteen days. One result is pending from this week's test.

We are often asked if a resident can test out of a quarantine with a subsequent COVID test that is negative or if a resident can be in quarantine less than fourteen days. Based on the current information available to us, a resident cannot test out of a quarantine or be in quarantine less than fourteen days.

Due to the impending snowstorm predicted for Monday, February 1 2021, the twice weekly testing of staff next week will be done on Wednesday, February 3 and Friday, February 5, 2021. The resident test schedule will not change.

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.

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) 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