



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, June 1, 2021

Indoor Visitation

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website and 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.

We have completed the outbreak testing period that began on May 17, 2021. We may, therefore, begin indoor visitation effective June 1, 2021 for residents who are not suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, who are not quarantined for a COVID-19 exposure or who are not on isolation and who give written informed consent to receive a visitor indoors. Two visitors at any one time are permitted during the hours of 10 am to 7 pm. Pre-scheduled indoor visitation is not required. Indoor visitation will continue unless there is a need to return to outbreak testing and suspend indoor visitation. Please review the attached before your visit. Feel free to call me with any questions regarding indoor visitation.

Please note: Scheduled visitation outdoors will be by request. You may call 973-585-2145 to request scheduled outdoor visitation.

Please be advised that our hair stylists are on Leave and the hair salon is temporarily closed.

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.

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

Passaic County continues to offer free COVID-19 testing for Passaic County residents and COVID vaccines for eligible patients. Please see the Passaic County website (www.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



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Indoor Visitation during a Pandemic or Outbreak

NJ DOH, Executive Directive, No.20-025, 20-026-1

Informed Consent

Residents who are not suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, who are not quarantined for a COVID-19 exposure or who are not on isolation and who give written informed consent to receive a visitor indoors except during outbreak testing in a designated visitation space may have two visitors at a time.

Visitors may include children two years and older who are supervised, can wear a well-fitting facemask and social distance as required. Two visitors may visit a resident at any one time during the hours of 10 am to 7 pm.

- The visitor(s) of residents who are chosen by the resident to visit will enter at the main entrance, perform hand-hygiene using the hand sanitizer, put on the surgical mask provided by Security staff, have his/her temperature taken and will be screened for signs/symptoms possibly indicative of infectious communicable diseases including COVID-19. Point of Care antigen tests performed by the visitor at no-cost are available to visitors for visits that do not take place outdoors.
- Visitors with signs or symptoms of COVID, have current COVID-19 infection or who have had prolonged close contact within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hr. period with someone with COVID infection in the prior 14 days or who have otherwise met criteria for quarantine will not be permitted to visit.
- Visitor(s) who are approved to visit based on the screening must sign an informed consent regarding the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19 and will be provided written instruction.

By my signature below, I acknowledge:

I am aware of the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19 for myself and my visitors. I will strictly comply with the Visitation Policy of Preakness Healthcare Center that includes:

- Screening upon entry as per Preakness protocol and monitoring for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 for at least 14 days after exiting Preakness. Screening includes providing the name and phone number of the visitor.
- Visitor will be advised to monitor for signs and symptoms of respiratory

infection for at least 14 days after exiting the facility. If symptoms occur or the visitor tests positive for COVID-19, the visitor must self-isolate at home, contact their healthcare provider, and immediately notify Lucinda Corrado, LNHA, Executive Director of the date of the visit and the individuals the visitor was in contact with. Preakness Healthcare Center will immediately screen the residents of reported contacts and take all necessary actions based on findings.

- Two visitors, age 2 and above, who can wear a mask and social distance may visit at any one time.
- Visits may occur in a resident's room if the resident does not have a roommate or if the resident has a roommate with the consent of the roommate and/or designated representative of the roommate.
- Following social distance requirements and the wearing of required source control PPE, visitation may occur in activity rooms that are not in use for resident activities, in sitting rooms, in the rotunda, in the main street game rooms and library and in the patios.
- Visitors may not participate in resident activities or be present during dining.
- Visitors may bring items for a resident directly to the resident's room if there isn't a roommate.
- When both the resident and the visitor are fully vaccinated and visiting alone in the resident's room, the resident and visitor may choose to have close contact and to remove their facemasks.
- While in the facility, visitors must wear facemasks and physically distance from healthcare personnel and other residents and must not interact with visitors that are not part of their group.

Resident or designated representative

Date

Visitor

Date

Visitor

Date

(A copy of the informed consent is provided to the resident and visitor(s).)