



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, May 3, 2021

**Celebrating Older Americans Month, Mental Health Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month,
Nurses Week and National Skilled Nursing Care Week**

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.

On May 3, 2021, 435 staff were tested with antigen tests. One nurse who works on resident unit 3-200 tested positive. Therefore, residents on 3-200 "G" are on quarantine for 14 days. Due to the positive test result, we must resume Outbreak testing and suspend Essential Caregiver visitation. Residents on units 1-300, 2-300, Pathway and 1-400 were tested today.

In accordance with the NJ Department of Health Memorandum on March 22, 2021, when a new case of COVID-19 is identified among residents or staff, all visitation except outdoor, compassionate care and end of life visitation is suspended. If the first round (week) of testing reveals no additional COVID case in other areas, then visitation can resume for residents in areas with no COVID-19 cases. We will advise as soon as we receive this week's results.

We currently do not have any residents who have tested positive. We have eight staff with positive test results out of work (last test date of May 3, 2021).

We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2021 with a special lunch menu for residents and staff and a DJ Dance party on the rotunda patio for residents and staff. Residents and staff are invited to wear festive colors of red, yellow, green.

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 May 3, 2021, outdoor visits are permitted for all residents with the exception of residents on unit 3-200 "G", the 2-400 "D" observation unit or who are on transmission-based precautions.

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.

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. ***Breakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director