



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, July 17, 2020

*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 had our second, unannounced COVID-19 Focused Infection Control Survey by the NJ Department of Health. I am proud to report that we were determined to be in full compliance. We appreciate the work of all staff to provide for our residents each and every day but especially during the Pandemic.

Our weekly testing of residents and staff continues. Since the last Update, no residents have tested positive. At the time of the last writing, the results were pending for staff tested on July 9; results were negative. This week 363 staff were tested on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. From the 241 results received to date, one staff from Nursing who worked on the 1-400 and 2-400 resident units tested positive. Therefore, as a precaution we have placed 1-400 and 2-400 on quarantine and outdoor visits cannot take place with residents from these units.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 285 residents and staff:

- Since March 25, we have had one hundred fourteen residents test positive for COVID-19. The cumulative total includes seventy-two residents who have ever tested positive and have twice tested negative, thirty residents who have ever tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was presumed positive. Eleven residents are currently positive. One resident is hospitalized.
- One hundred seventeen staff have tested positive. One hundred two staff have returned to work.

Four of our long-term residents passed away since the last Update including one who was affected by COVID-19. Our resident who was admitted in August 2012 was an engineer who had naval experience. Many staff will remember the experiences he shared with us regarding his travels and working with ships. Our resident who was admitted in March 2016 was a maintenance mechanic. Our resident who was admitted in November 2018 had his own business recycling oil before he retired and came to live with us. And, our resident who was admitted in February 2018 was a machine operator. As well as sharing in the lives of our residents, we have the opportunity to interact with our residents' family members during their

time with us. We offer our condolences to their families, friends, and co-residents and to our staff who have taken care of our residents.

Residents on all units may have outdoor visitors except those who are COVID + on the 3-400 "C" section and residents on the 1-400 and 2-400 units that are now on quarantine. It is anticipated that the quarantines on 1-400 and 2-400 will be lifted on July 28, 2020.

Thank you to all for your cooperation during outdoor visitation. As a reminder, visits are weather-permitting, as follows:

- 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm
- 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm
- 3:30 to 4:15 pm
- 4:30 to 5:15 pm

Appointments may be requested by calling 973-585-2132 or by email to [lcorrado@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:lcorrado@passaiccountynj.org). The Outdoor Visitation Policy may be obtained from the Passaic County website, [www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org), under Preakness Healthcare Center or you may request a copy from me.

Passaic County continues to offer free COVID-19 testing at home for Passaic County residents and is also offering testing at mobile sites. Please see the Passaic County website for the details.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff and the sacrifices they have made and the continued support of our residents, families, colleagues throughout Passaic County, the community and those who assist in the testing of residents and staff during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Do Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director