



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, May 9, 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.

In the last update, we included that we were testing all residents who had not yet been tested as of May 7. The testing is complete for all residents except those who refused to be tested. Residents and designated representatives for the four residents who tested positive were informed. Our staff are in the process of notifying the residents and their designated representatives of negative test results. We will continue to retest residents who had an initial test more than seven days ago.

The following is the cumulative update for our current census of 304 residents and 529 staff:

- Ninety-six resident test results were positive, two hundred twelve results were negative. Retest results for fifteen residents are pending. Eighteen residents have passed away.
- On May 8, one hundred seven staff were tested at Preakness. Four of the results are new positive results for a total of sixty-nine staff. Fifty-eight staff were negative prior to May 8 for a total of one hundred sixty six staff.
- Eleven residents who are COVID + are hospitalized.

While the focus of this communication is to provide updates on the status of COVID at Preakness, on May 7, one of our very long term residents (who was not COVID+) passed away. We will miss her as we do all of our residents who pass away and extend our condolences to her family, friends and co-residents of Preakness and to our staff who cared for her for many years.

Tomorrow we will celebrate Mother's Day with our residents and are grateful for all of our working mothers who will be with us to celebrate with our residents. Happy Mother's Day to all!

Tomorrow is also the beginning of National Skilled Nursing Care Week with the theme of "Sharing our Wisdom". We have activities planned to share the wisdom of our residents and staff. We appreciate the dedication of our staff to engage with our residents and help them through these challenging times.

Many thanks for the continued support of our residents, families, staff and the community during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Do Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director