



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, Sept 6, 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.

On Wednesday, September 2, the NJ Department of Health Communicable Disease Service and the Wayne Health Department confirmed that our Outbreak was concluded. This was based on the last case of COVID-19 that had been reported in a staff member on July 30 and no subsequent cases for at least 28 days. During this Outbreak,

- Since March 25, one hundred fourteen residents tested positive for COVID-19 including thirty-one residents who tested positive and passed away and one resident who passed away who was presumed positive.
- One hundred twenty-one staff tested positive. All staff returned to work.

Weekly testing of residents and staff continues. No residents have tested positive since July 2, 2020. 366 staff were tested on September 2nd and 3rd. One staff tested positive. One staff is considered a “person under investigation” due to non-respiratory symptoms that might be COVID-related and a pending test result. Further direction from the Wayne Health Department for Outbreak status is pending.

Attending physicians were provided the requirements for on-site visits. The requirements include a negative COVID test result before being permitted on-site access and weekly testing, thereafter, in addition to wearing required PPE. Each physician may designate one nurse practitioner to perform on-site visits. Nurse practitioners must follow the same requirements as attending physicians. Physicians may continue tele-health visits in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Please call 973-585-**2145** to schedule an outdoor visit. The phone is answered on weekdays between the hours of 9 am to 5 pm, and is checked for messages at other times. If there are special circumstances for a visit that can be accommodated within the Executive Order of no more than two visitors at a time during an outdoor visit, please call me to discuss your circumstances.

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.

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

As we celebrate Labor Day, a national annual tribute to the achievements of workers, we thank our staff for their dedication during the Pandemic with its many challenges, and as always, as they care for and care about our residents. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director