



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update #2, June 19, 2020

Outdoor Visitation, NJ DOH Executive Directive, No. 20-017

*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.

Attached is our Policy that has been prepared in accordance with NJ Department of Health Executive Directive No. 20-017 to allow outdoor visitation, beginning on June 21. As explained on the attached, the visitation must be scheduled, is weather-permitting and each visit is limited to two visitors. As we begin this process, the visits will be by adults. We can accommodate ten residents with their visitors for each of the time slots that are designated. Additional hours will be added in the future after we test and address any issues with our planned process.

Appointments may be requested by calling 973-585-2132 and leaving a message or by email to [lcorrado@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:lcorrado@passaiccountynj.org). Please be sure to leave a number or email where we can reach you to confirm the appointment request.

One of our Social Workers will be here on Saturday, June 20 to ask residents as the NJ Directive requires who they wish to allow to visit, if the resident is able to communicate this to us.

We are excited to be able to allow the outdoor visitation!! Feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director



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## Outdoor Visitation during a Pandemic or Outbreak NJ DOH, Executive Directive, No.20-017, 6/19/2020

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 informed consent to receive a visitor in a designated outdoor visitation space may have two adult visitors at a time, weather permitting, effective June 21, 2020. The designated outdoor visiting area for Preakness Healthcare Center is the patio that is located directly behind the main entrance.

- The resident's Nurse, Social Worker or Recreation Therapist will ask the resident who he/she wishes to visit with in person and explain the outdoor visitation policy.
  - The policy will be 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, is distributed to all staff and will be distributed by Social Workers and Therapeutic Recreation staff to residents who wish to receive it.
- Visitation by appointment is scheduled between the hours of 1 pm and 5 pm, daily, weather permitting, as follows, under the supervision of staff who will wear an N-95 mask. Walk-in visits will not be approved.
  - 1 pm to 1:45 pm
  - 2 pm to 2:45 pm
  - 3 pm to 3:45 pm
  - 4 pm to 4:45 pm
- Appointments may be requested by calling 973-585-2132 or by email to [icorrado@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:icorrado@passaiccountynj.org) and providing the name of the resident, name of the visitor(s), requested date/time to visit and a phone number or email for confirmation of request. Outdoor visits are weather-permitting.
- 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 symptoms such as:

- Fever of 100.4 or greater
- Chills,
- Cough, shortness of breath,
- Difficulty breathing,
- Sore throat,
- Fatigue,
- Muscle or body aches,
- Headache,
- New loss of taste or smell,
- Congestion or runny nose,
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Visitors with signs or symptoms of COVID 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 (attached), will be provided written instruction and will be given a visitor's pass. Visitors will be directed to exit the entrance lobby and proceed to the Security Guard at the patio entrance gate. As per the NJ DOH Directive, visitors may not use facility restrooms.
- Prior to transporting the resident to the visitation area to visit with an approved visitor and after the visit,
  - Nurse will assess resident who has had at least two recent negative tests for COVID-19 viral testing for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or other medical conditions;
  - Nurse's aide will assist resident with hand hygiene and apply sunblock as appropriate;
  - Nurse will provide a surgical mask to the resident which the resident will wear while traveling to and from the designated patio accompanied by staff who is wearing an N-95 mask. Resident must wear the mask during the visit.
    - Transport will not be through any space where either positive or suspected COVID residents are cohorted.
    - Transport will be done while maintaining 6 feet distance between other residents and staff.
  - Resident will be transported back to the unit by staff who is wearing an N-95 mask.
  - Nurse will assess resident for temperature, sunburn, cold symptoms upon resident's return to the unit.

- Residents and visitors will visit in the patio courtyard and must remain on the paved surfaces during the visit. Ten benches that are located at least six feet apart are the designated seating for visitors.
  - Staff will assist visitors who require assistance due to disability such as hearing, vision, cognitive impairment or who need assistance with transport from the entrance to the designated space.
  - Staff wearing an N-95 mask who are trained on the policy requirements will remain with the residents at all times during visits.
  - Visitors may not share items such as phones with residents or the staff assigned to monitor the visits.
  - Hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and gloves are provided at the patio.
  - Benches and high touch surfaces will be wiped after each use in accordance with the contact time of the product used.
  
- Written instruction will be provided to visitors regarding infection prevention and disease specific information.
  
- Visitor(s) and resident must wear a facemask during the visit. Facemasks will be provided by Preakness Healthcare Center. Visitor may be required to use additional forms of personal protective equipment (PPE) as determined by Preakness Health Care Center. Visitor must discard the facemask upon leaving the patio and perform hand hygiene.
  
- Visitor(s) must remain at least six feet away from the resident and staff assigned to monitor the visits, and must practice social distancing. Visitors and residents may not smoke nor eat during the visit, nor bring packages into the visitation area.
  - As per the NJ Directive, visitors may bring their own water but may not share the water with the resident.
  - Preakness Healthcare Center will provide hydration for the resident during the visit that may not be shared with the visitor.
  
- Visitors will wait in a vehicle prior to the visitation time or in an outdoor space that ensures social distancing of at least six feet from other visitors or staff.
  
- Visitor will be prohibited from visiting if he or she is unable to demonstrate the proper use of infection prevention techniques including the wearing of a mask and social distancing.
  
- 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.

- During visitation times, the patio will be used exclusively for visitation and staff who are not assigned to assist with visitation are prohibited from entering the patio.
- Preakness Healthcare Center reserves the right to cancel visitation due to inclement or unsafe weather conditions or the health and well-being of the resident.

Reference: NJ DOH June 19, 2020, Executive Directive No 20-017



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### Informed Consent

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of Preakness Healthcare Center wish to visit with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. I have been provided with a copy of the Outdoor Visitation Policy and I am aware of the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19 for myself and my visitors. I will follow the Visitation Policy of Preakness Healthcare Center.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident (or as witnessed by Staff)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### \*\*\*\*\* VISITOR \*\*\*\*\*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ and I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to visit \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of Preakness Healthcare Center. I have been provided with a copy of the Outdoor Visitation Policy and I am aware of the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19 for myself and the resident I am visiting. I will follow the Visitation Policy of Preakness Healthcare Center and will inform the Executive Director if I test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days of the visit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Visitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Visitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date