



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 5, 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.

When the last Update was written, 83 results from the weekly testing of residents were pending for testing on October 27 through October 29, 2020. On November 4, 2020, a positive test result was received from a test performed on October 28 for a resident on 3-400. The resident and his roommate have been transferred to the "C" section of 3-400 for isolation on a positive cohort unit. They are the only two residents in this positive cohort. Residents who live on the 3-400 unit in the "B" and "D" sections are under quarantine for an anticipated timeframe through November 11, 2020. Residents on a positive cohort or on quarantine must remain on the unit and may not participate in outdoor visitation. Essential Caregivers may not enter the 3-400 unit. In accordance with NJ DOH "Testing Guidance in Response to a Newly Identified COVID-19 Case in Long-term Care Facilities", residents who live on the 3-400 unit who tested positive more than 90 days ago were retested today with the exception of one resident who refused the testing. In addition, staff who work on the 3-400 unit who tested positive more than 90 days ago are in the process of being retested. Nursing management met with residents on the unit and called the designated representative for each resident. Nursing staff continue each shift to monitor all residents for any change in condition or symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Residents continue to be tested weekly. As of the time of this writing, 112 results are pending from testing on November 3rd through November 5th, 2020.

355 staff were tested on November 4, 2020. 262 results were received as of the time of this writing. All results received were negative.

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.

If you have questions related to Infection Prevention, please call Cristina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181.

Please call 973-585-2145 to speak with Lisandro Perez, Jr to schedule an outdoor visit or if your role as an Essential Caregiver has been approved, to schedule an indoor Essential Caregiver

visit. Outdoor visits are weather-permitting. Please be reminded that social distancing of six or more feet and the wearing of PPE are required during visits.

Virtual visits 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. If there is a request for hair salon services, you may direct the request to Ms. Zalenski or Ms. Livingston.

Passaic County continues to offer free COVID-19 testing at home and at mobile sites for Passaic County residents. Please see the Passaic County website (passaiccountynj.org) for the details.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff and the sacrifices they make and the continued support we receive during these challenging and emotional times. ***Preakness Strong
Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director