



PREFERRED CARE

Preferred Care is doing our utmost to keep our families updated and informed. Please call our hotline # 609-283-1155 that will be updated with new information regularly. If you have any questions or concerns, please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you.

Update May 14, 2021

Dear Residents, Resident Representatives, and Staff

It has certainly been a fun-filled week filled with music, food, games, and outdoor fun! We are especially thankful to Katlyn Scott, our Activities director and her hard-working staff for all of their hard work, positive attitudes, and dedication to the residents here at the facility! We celebrated Hawaiian Day, Country Western Day, 80's Day, and Boardwalk Day! Staff were dressed up in the appropriate attire, and all of the activities were themed around the topic of the day.

We also had a successful Covid Vaccination Clinic this past Tuesday, with now more than 83% of our residents are vaccinated! If you are still interested in getting a vaccine, you can reach out to Atlanticare and they would be happy to sign you up! You can go to vaccination.atlanticare.org to make an appointment. Please see attached information regarding covid vaccines.

The more people who are vaccinated, the better it is for our facility and the residents, because we will be able to open up more and offer more activities and dining room service to our residents, and more visits and opportunities for the families as well.

As you may have heard, the CDC has been lessening some of the masking restrictions for vaccinated individuals. However, according to the NJDOH, nursing home residents, staff, and visitors are still required to wear masks for source control.

We are pleased to report that all our residents and employees tested negative for covid last week and there are no positive cases in our facility!

We are open to visitors; however, all visits still need to be scheduled, and they will take place in a designated visitation area. We request that all visitors wear a well-fitting mask and maintain good hand

hygiene and infection control practices. Please feel free to schedule a visit with your loved one online, or by calling the main receptionist and ask for Tina at extension 123.

Have a great weekend!

Update May 6, 2021

Good morning. As we prepare for national skilled nursing facility week next week, we hope that all of you are doing well and enjoying the warmer weather. Katlyn, our activities director has lots of fun activities for the residents and staff planned for next week! We hope to make this a great week for all involved!

Attached you will see an invitation for a COVID vaccination clinic on May 11 from 9am-12pm. We have partnered with Atlanticare to offer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to residents, staff, resident families, and staff families. You must call Theresa Theuma, RN at 609-646-5400 extension 204 to make a reservation, and then register at vaccination.atlanticare.org

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Thursday, May 6 is National Nurses Day! We would like to thank our nurses for all of their hard work and dedication to the residents. Our nurses are undoubtedly the backbone of the country, as they fiercely accept the dangers of unknown diseases and work towards saving lives. The job of a nurse is especially incredibly tough during this era of pandemics, every life is precious to them and they are never off duty from taking care of the sick and affected. Their otherworldly dedication calls for much respect and appreciation throughout the community. This is the perfect time to acknowledge the heroes of our facility and extend our gratitude and thankfulness to each one of them.

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Please feel free to schedule a visit with your loved one online, or by calling the main receptionist and ask for Tina at extension 123.

Update 4/22/2021

We would like to inform you that there has been a change in our administration. Effective 4/19/21, Joshua Rosenberg, LNHA is the Administrator at our facility.

Josh brings a new perspective to Preferred Care at Absecon. He comes with many years of experience, and his goal will be to maintain and improve the quality of care provided at our facility. He has an open-door policy and welcomes any feedback or concerns from our residents, family members, and loved ones.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact him at 609-646-5400 or you can email him at jrosenberg@pcabsecon.com

In addition, we are writing to inform you that we have one resident who was just diagnosed as Covid positive. All the other staff and residents who were tested were negative. Fortunately, this resident had

already been in an isolation room, so the contact with others is minimal. Because of this new positive result, all the residents will need to continue to be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positives results for 2 weeks. Residents and Representatives will be notified of any abnormal test results. Employee and resident safety are our top priority. We are staying in close communication with local and department of health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facility.

We have also reached out to the local Department of Health to get access to more COVID vaccines to offer to new residents and staff, and are awaiting their response. We will continue to keep you informed and updated on the happenings within the facility.

As always, stay well.

Update 4/16/2021

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified that one employee did test positive on 4/15/2021. The employee is out of work on quarantine until cleared by the department of health. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with twice a week COVID testing as well.

Update 4/14/2021

Hope all of you are doing well. Some of our residents have been busy planting spring flowers and even some spring vegetables in our back courtyard, and it is really starting to look like spring. Our activities staff continues to keep the residents busy and occupied, going around every day passing out the daily chronicle with games and trivia, as well as books, puzzles, music, and, of course, everyone's favorite-snacks! In fact, if anyone has extra packaged snacks that they would like to donate for the residents to enjoy, they always enjoy an extra treat that the activities staff could deliver. This Friday, the activities department has even planned a pajama day!! Next month, we will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week and there will be lots of fun games and activities for the residents and staff to enjoy. Stay tuned for more information!!

Unfortunately, we also want to notify you that one of our staff members tested positive for COVID on 4/13/21. This staff person had minimal contact with any residents. The employee is out of work on quarantine until cleared by the department of health. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with twice a week COVID testing as well.

We will continue to have OUTDOOR visitation, but due to this positive result, INDOOR visitation will be on hold until we reached the NJDOH criteria. We are sorry to tell you this, but please schedule Outdoor visits- the weather has been nice and the residents usually enjoy getting some of that fresh spring air. Please feel free to schedule a visit with your loved one online, or by calling the main receptionist and ask for extension 123.

If you are unable to travel, we are happy to assist you with a Facetime, Zoom, or other electronic communication- all of our Facetime visits are set up by our wonderful Activities Director, Katelyn Scott, at extension 206.

Update 4/8/2021

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified this morning that one employee did test positive. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with routine testing as well.

Unfortunately, due to this positive COVID test, INDOOR visits will need to be postponed until we have had another round of COVID testing with no more positive test results. However, we can still do OUTDOOR visitations. The weather has been nice, and the residents do enjoy going outdoors. Please call 609-646-5400 to set up a visit.

Update 3/22/2021

As we leave winter behind us, and look forward to spring, we at Preferred Care at Absecon are committed to keeping our residents safe. This is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) within our facility. We continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CDC, and the state and local department of health. We are keeping in close communication with local and state department of health officials to make sure we are taking all the appropriate steps.

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified this morning that one employee did test positive. The employee is out of work on quarantine until cleared by the department of health. This employee had no contact with residents. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with twice a week COVID testing as well.

We have resumed outdoor visitation now that the weather is getting nicer. Please feel free to schedule a visit with your loved one online, or by calling the main receptionist.

Update 3/18/2021

So, here we are at the anniversary of the first COVID outbreak in a nursing home in the United States- what a year it has been. It has been exciting to see the decline in COVID cases over the last few weeks- a lot of it possibly due to the COVID vaccine. Unfortunately, after 20 days with no new COVID cases, we did have one resident test positive for COVID. We are doing appropriate contact tracing at this time. The resident is being isolated and monitored. All of the other residents and staff continue with routine COVID testing.

We here at Preferred Care at Absecon are committed to keeping our residents safe. This is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and

Influenza within our facility. We are keeping in close communication with local and state department of health officials to make sure we are taking all the appropriate steps.

Update 2/9/2021

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified this morning that one employee did test positive. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with every other day COVID testing as well.

Update 1/26/2021

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified this morning that three residents did test positive- contracted prior to admission here (community acquired). The residents are properly isolated and are not exhibiting any overt s/s of COVID. There were also four employees that tested positive and are out of work per DOH guidelines. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with every other day COVID testing as well.

Update 1/25/2021

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified this morning that four residents did test positive- contracted prior to admission here (community acquired). The residents are properly isolated and are not exhibiting any overt s/s of COVID. There were also two employees that tested positive and are out of work per DOH guidelines. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with every other day COVID testing as well.

On January 14, many of our residents and employees received their first COVID vaccine! CVS is scheduled to return on February 4th to deliver the second dose to those individuals. However, if you did not get your vaccine yet, it is still available and we would be glad to schedule your family member to get your 1st dose on 2/4/21 when they come. They would then get their second dose on February 24th. Once again, we are attaching the consent in hopes that even more residents will get the vaccine.

Update 1/21/2021

We here at Preferred Care at Absecon are committed to keeping our residents safe. This is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and Influenza within our facility. NJ COVID positivity rates are rising, and Atlantic County has the highest COVID positivity rate in all of NJ at 17.8% We continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CDC, and the state and local department of health. We are keeping in close communication with local and state department of health officials to make sure we are taking all the appropriate steps. We had a NJDOH COVID infection survey (inspection) today and are

pleased to report that we are in compliance with all CDC, NJDOH, and CMS guidelines regarding infection prevention and COVID.

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified this morning that three residents did test positive. The residents are properly isolated and are not exhibiting any overt s/s of COVID. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with every other day COVID testing as well.

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Update 1/12/2021

We at Preferred Care at Absecon are committed to keeping our residents safe. This is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) within our facility. We are following the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CDC, and the state and local department of health. We are keeping in close communication with local and state department of health officials to make sure we are taking all the appropriate steps. We currently have one employees and one resident who did test positive for COVID, our resident was community acquired. We will continue to test our employees on a weekly basis.

Update 1/8/2021

We want to inform you that we have identified 2 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our staff. The safety of our residents and staff is our top priority. To our residents, if you are diagnosed with COVID-19, we will notify you directly and contact loved ones or a representative with whom you have given us permission to communicate.

To reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, we continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

We are staying in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps under the current circumstances, including:

- Enhanced infection control precautions, such as wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) when we care for residents, increasing the availability of hand sanitizer, and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces. Residents may also be moved in the facility to prevent the spread of the virus causing COVID-19.
- Screening residents and staff for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as anyone else who must enter our facility. Only staff and essential personnel who must enter the building will be permitted entry.
- Restricting visitation except for situations such as end of life.
- Testing staff and residents for the virus causing COVID-19 based on current NJDOH guidance

- Providing and requiring facemasks and eye shields for all staff to wear.
- Providing face coverings for residents, if tolerated and following CDC guidance:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>
- Helping residents to practice social distancing.

We encourage you to review the CDC website for information about COVID-19, including its symptoms, how it spreads, and actions you can take to protect your health:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. All of us at Preferred Care understand that this is a serious situation and might be frightening.

Additional information about coping with stress can be found on the CDC website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates about the situation and will promptly notify you if we identify any additional residents or staff with confirmed COVID-19. We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns

The safety of our residents and staff is our top priority.

Update 1/6/2021

As COVID cases throughout NJ and particularly in Atlantic County, continue to rise, we at Preferred Care at Absecon are committed to keeping our residents safe. This is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and Influenza within our facility. The current COVID positivity rate in Atlantic County is 18.7%- this is the 2nd highest county in all of NJ. We continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CDC, and the state and local department of health. We are keeping in close communication with local and state department of health officials to make sure we are taking all the appropriate steps. We have been notified by CVS that we have a tentative date for our first COVID19 vaccination clinic on January 24th. Our nursing staff has been reaching out to you to make sure that every resident is offered a chance to get this vaccine and we still need consents from many of the family members. Once again, we are attaching information regarding the vaccine, ways to prevent spreading COVID and the consent form as well. Please fill out and return as soon as possible.

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we are aware that two residents did test positive (this was contracted in the community), as well as three of our employees. The residents are properly isolated. The employees are out of work on quarantine until cleared by the department of health. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees are currently getting rapid COVID testing every other day.

Update 1/4/2021

We at Preferred Care at Absecon are committed to keeping our residents safe. This is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) within our facility. We are following the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CDC, and the state and local department of health. We are keeping in close communication with local and state department of health officials to make sure we are taking all the appropriate steps. We currently have 2 two employees and three residents who did test positive for COVID. We will continue to test our employees on a weekly basis.

Update 12/31/2020

As we head to the new year we are looking back at a year that no one has ever imagined. There are no words to explain that challenges that bestowed upon us. We were faced with a crisis that was uncontrollable and yet our health care heroes have continued to devote countless hours day or night to care for the ones we love. No matter how much we do we feel sometimes its still not enough. As mentioned we test resident and staff some weekly some twice a week. Today in one specific unit we had two staff members and fifteen residents test positive. All appropriate measures are of course in place as per guidance from the department of health and the CDC. Thankfully for now it is contained to one specific area and we hope that our hard work will continue to give us better results.

Update 12/26/2020

We hope that everyone had a nice Holiday. But as you know, the staff here at Preferred Care persevere on.

We are writing to inform you that we have one staff member who was just diagnosed as COVID positive. Appropriate contact tracing has been done, and they will be out of work following CDC guidelines. Please continue to follow infection control practices to decrease the risk to other employees and, of course, the residents. Employee and resident safety are our top priority. We are staying in close communication with local and department of health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facility. As you have probably heard, nursing home residents and staff are designated to be first in line to receive the new COVID19 vaccine. As we get more information, we will let you know. Update 12/30/2020 With Christmas behind us and much uncertainty going on in our country and state, we at Preferred Care at Absecon are committed to keeping our residents safe. This is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and Influenza within our facility. NJ COVID positivity rates are rising, and Atlantic County has the highest COVID positivity rate in all of NJ at 15.7%. We continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CDC, and the state and local department of health. We are keeping in close communication with local and state department of health officials to make sure we are taking all the appropriate steps.

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified this morning that two residents did test positive, as well as three of our employees. The residents are properly isolated and are not exhibiting any overt s/s of COVID. The employees are out of work on quarantine until cleared by the department of health. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. The entire unit that these people are on has been put on quarantine status to prevent further spreading. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with twice a week COVID testing as well. The COVID vaccines may be coming sooner than originally thought, possibly mid-January, and we need all of your consents back now to enroll them in the vaccine program. We are attaching the consent again, as well as more information regarding the COVID vaccine.

Update 12/24/2020

All of us here at Preferred Care want to wish you and your families a very Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year! I'm sure all of you share in our greatest wish that this time next year, we can all be together

again- not wearing masks!!! We will continue to spread Holiday Cheer throughout the facility as there is a Christmas Party scheduled for the residents tomorrow and there will be gifts for all!

We continue in our fight with COVID and have had an employee test positive for COVID; we will continue to test residents weekly, and staff twice a week. We received notice that the COVID vaccine will be here beginning of February, so we continue to prepare and ask for you to fill out consents for the residents.

Update 12/22/2020

Even though these times are difficult and cases of COVID continue to rise throughout New Jersey and the US, we here at Preferred Care are doing our best to keep an upbeat and festive atmosphere for the residents that live here and we care for. Yesterday, we had a visit from Santa and his elf who went around the building spreading cheer to all of the residents. As part of our "adopt a resident" program, all of the residents will be receiving gifts from their secret Pollyanna staff member. We have been making gingerbread houses and decorating Christmas cookies. There is a Christmas Eve non-denominational service scheduled, as well as a Christmas Party for the residents on Christmas Day!

Yesterday, we sent out information regarding the COVID19 vaccine along with the consents; please be sure to return them by December 26th. If any of you have been listening to the CDC and news reports, it is expected that the next few weeks will continue to see a surge in COVID cases. We will continue to follow every precaution to try to help prevent COVID cases within the facility. We continue to screen and do a rapid COVID test for anyone who enters the building. Employees are currently being tested twice per week. Housekeeping department has been hard at work doing extensive cleaning on a routine basis. All staff are encouraged to maintain safe practices while at home as well.

At this time, we have one staff member who was found to be COVID positive. As per DOH protocol, she will be out of work until cleared by the NJ Department of Health.

We thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time. Please continue to be supportive of our residents who deserve to be treated with utmost respect. Also, please keep our staff in your thoughts as this has been a long and trying period without much relief.

Update 12/18/2020

We are writing to inform you that we have one staff member who was just diagnosed as COVID positive using the BINAX COVID antigen rapid test. All resident test results from this week received are negative so far. Appropriate contact tracing has been done, and they will be out of work following CDC guidelines. Please continue to follow infection control practices to decrease the risk to other employees and, of course, the residents. Employee and resident safety are our top priority. We are staying in close communication with local and department of health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facility.

Update 12/16/2020

We are writing to inform you that we have one staff member who was just diagnosed as COVID positive using the BINAX COVID antigen rapid test. As you know, we are in our second week of the NJDOH pilot program. Appropriate contact tracing has been done, and they will be out of work following CDC guidelines.

Please continue to follow infection control practices to decrease the risk to other employees and, of course, the residents. Employee and resident safety are our top priority. We are staying in close communication with local and department of health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facility. As you have probably heard, nursing home residents and staff are designated to be first in line to receive the new COVID19 vaccine. As we get more information, we will let you know.

Update 12/8/2020

We are writing to inform you that we have one staff member who was just diagnosed as COVID positive using the BINAX COVID antigen rapid test. As you know, we are in our second week of the NJDOH pilot

program. Appropriate contact tracing has been done, and they will be out of work following CDC guidelines.

Please continue to follow infection control practices to decrease the risk to other employees and, of course, the residents. Employee and resident safety are our top priority. We are staying in close communication with local and department of health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facility. As you have probably heard, nursing home residents and staff are designated to be first in line to receive the new COVID19 vaccine. As we get more information, we will let you know.

Update 12/3/2020

Around the facility, the activities staff has been hard at work decorating for the winter Holiday season and before we know it, it will be a New Year. Activities staff has planned a variety of seasonal activities and interactive games for residents and staff. There is a "adopt a resident" gift exchange in progress where the staff buy gifts for the residents for the upcoming Holidays. Even though these times are difficult and cases of COVID continue to rise throughout New Jersey and the US, we here at Preferred Care are doing our best to keep an upbeat and lively atmosphere for the residents that live here and we care for. If any of you have been listening to the CDC and news reports, it is expected that the next few weeks will continue to see a surge in COVID cases. We will continue to follow every precaution to try to help prevent COVID cases within the facility. We continue to screen and do a rapid COVID test for anyone who enters the building. Employees are currently being tested every other day. Housekeeping department has been hard at work doing extensive cleaning on a routine basis. All staff are encouraged to maintain safe practices while at home as well.

We feel it is important that we continue to maintain an open dialogue with everyone concerned with the happenings in the facility, and want to maintain good communication. There will be an open call tomorrow, Friday, December 4th at 1:00pm where you can call in and hear directly from our administrator, Charles Amoyelle. We encourage you to participate in this call by calling this number: 720-820-1255

At this time, we have one resident who was recently admitted from the hospital and it was discovered that she was COVID positive. As per DOH protocol, all new admissions/readmissions are isolated for 14 days prior to being allowed into general population due to the coronavirus incubation period and for situations just like this.

We thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time. Please continue to be supportive of our residents who deserve to be treated with utmost respect. Also, please keep our staff in your thoughts as this has been a long and trying period without much relief.

Please stay safe. Hope to hear from you on the call tomorrow.

Update 12/1/2020

As we continue our ongoing COVID testing, we have had one new employee test positive, and were notified that one of the external Hospice aides also tested positive. They are out of work until cleared by the Department of Health. Any residents or staff who were exposed to them are also put into isolation to prevent continued transmission of the coronavirus.

Today, we began a pilot testing program introduced by the Department of Health that requires all staff to be tested for COVID every other day prior to beginning to work. This is a rapid COVID test and we will have results within 15 minutes so we can send any positive employees home immediately and thus decreasing the risk of bring COVID into the facility to our residents and other employees.

We continue to test all residents weekly as per Department of Health guidelines.

Please continue to follow safe practices at home as what is happening in the community setting does impact on our residents as well.

Update 11/29/2020

We hope that all of you had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. As we continue our ongoing COVID testing, we have had no new employees test positive, however two of our residents that had previously been exposed did test positive and have been placed in the appropriate isolation areas.

On Monday, we begin a pilot testing program introduced by the Department of Health that requires all staff to be tested for COVID every other day prior to beginning to work. This is a rapid COVID test and we will have results within 15 minutes so we can send any positive employees home immediately and thus decreasing the risk of bring COVID into the facility to our residents and other employees.

Please continue to follow safe practices at home as what is happening in the community setting does impact on our residents as well.

Stay Well.

Update 11/24/2020

As the cases of COVID are rising throughout NJ and the nation, we are providing you with additional information on the prevention of COVID. We have had another employee who tested positive for COVID and is at home isolation per CDC guidelines.

Update 11/20/2020

We are writing to inform you that we have one staff member who was just diagnosed as COVID positive. Appropriate contact tracing has been done, and they will be out of work following CDC guidelines. Beginning next week, as per the NJ Department of Health, all employees will be getting done a COVID rapid antigen test every other day, as well as any ancillary staff who will need to be tested before even entering the facility. Because of this new positive result, all the residents will need to be tested again weekly for the next two weeks. Residents and Representatives will be notified of test results. Please continue to follow infection control practices to decrease the risk to other employees and, of course, the residents. Employee and resident safety are our top priority. We are staying in close communication with local and department of health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facility.

Update 11/16/2020

At Preferred care we continue to put the health and safety of our residents and staff first. As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in NJ and around the world, we want to ensure that we are doing everything possible to prevent the spread of the virus to our vulnerable population.

As you know, no matter how hard we try along with continuous protection and constant testing there are still ways for the virus to find us. We thankfully had all negative results besides one resident who turned out positive. We continue to follow all the necessary precautions as per the CDC and doh guidelines and my hope is that we start seeing a decline in positive results very soon. Please take extra caution that if you feel "not like yourself" or feel under the weather please refrain from coming to the facility.

Update 11/12/2020

We are writing to inform you that we have received additional results from this week's testing on 11-9-2020 and there are 2 additional staff members who tested positive for COVID19. They were immediately quarantined at home, and all of the staff here continue to follow infection control practices to decrease the risk to other employees and, of course, the residents. Employee and resident safety are our top priority. We are staying in close communication with local and department of health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facility.

The Department of Health did report that there has been an increase in community acquired COVID cases both in Atlantic County and throughout New Jersey. Please continue to self monitor for symptoms and follow safe practices at home as well.

Handwashing and hand hygiene continue to be very important in the fight against COVID- please make sure to do proper hand hygiene.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is essential. Wear your mask at all times- properly- covering your nose and mouth

Maintain social distancing- that means a minimum of 6 feet apart from others.

We thank you for your cooperation and hard work, as we are facing this unprecedented time in our history.

Update 11-11-2020

We have received additional testing results from this week and are notifying you that one additional staff member, one resident and one outside vendor also tested positive today. All staff is wearing full personal protective equipment and enhanced disinfecting has been done throughout the facility. All residents are being kept social distanced from each other, and are wearing masks when outside of their rooms. We continue to do weekly COVID testing on all of our staff, and testing on residents as determined by the Department of Health.

Update 11/6/2020

As part of our COVID testing protocol, we were notified this morning that one resident did test positive, as well as one of our employees. The resident is properly isolated and is not exhibiting any overt s/s of COVID. The employee is out of work on quarantine until cleared by the department of health. Contact tracing is being done and all employees and residents are being closely monitored. Residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and will be tested weekly for the next two weeks or until there are no new positive cases in 14 days. Employees will continue with weekly COVID testing as well.

Update 10/23/20

The following is an update on our Covid-19 status. We have one staff member who was just diagnosed as COVID positive. All Of the other staff and residents who were tested were negative. Appropriate contact tracing has been done, and they will be out of work following CDC guidelines. This staff member had no contact with residents within the facility. All staff will continue to be tested weekly. Because of this new positive result, all the residents will need to be tested weekly for the next two weeks. Residents and Representatives will be notified of test results. Please continue to follow infection control practices to decrease the risk to other employees and, of course, the residents. Employee and resident safety are our top priority. We are staying in close communication with local and department of health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facility.

Update 10/5/20

We at Preferred Care at Absecon are committed to keeping our residents safe. This is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) within our facility. We are following the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CDC, and the state and local department of health. We are keeping in close communication with local and state department of health officials to make sure we are taking all the appropriate steps. We currently have one employee who did test positive for COVID on 10/2/2020 and they are out of the building on quarantine. All of the residents that were tested last week were all negative. We will continue to test our employees on a weekly basis. Our residents will be tested based on NJDOH guidelines and are to be tested weekly for the next two weeks.

We are also writing to share more details with you regarding some updates in our communication methods. We are excited to begin a new weekly Conference Call led by the administrator. This is to maintain close communication with our families and resident representatives. Information regarding times will be emailed to families.

We are as per the NJDOH allowing outdoor visitation with your family members. The Department of health is allowing in person visitation in a designated outdoor visitation space provided all infection prevention and control measures are met as outlined by the DOH. This includes social distancing with at least 6 feet apart from the resident and masks worn by all parties. The visitors cannot enter the facility

but will meet outside. You can also visit our website and see the menus and activities that are occurring within the building, as well as any other pertinent information.