



April 1, 2020

Dear Fellow Employee,

As communicated by both our President and our Governor, we should over the next couple of weeks be hitting the high point in infections. Our continued efforts to prepare for what comes our way is key to our success in responding in the safest and most appropriate way. I ask that if you have questions/concerns, relay those to your manager so he/she can respond or get you a response. You can also forward those to me by email at anarrow@oneidahealthcare.org.

As of this morning, we have 1 COVID-19 positive inpatient and have 6 inpatients who have been tested and we are awaiting results. We have had 0 COVID-19 deaths at Oneida Healthcare. We continue with 0 COVID-19 in our ECF. Our testing area in the hospital circle continues to function with 22 tested yesterday.

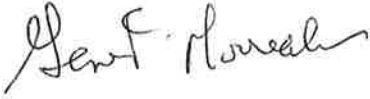
Please note the following updates:

1. PPE supplies continue to be ordered from all appropriate sources and each day we have had success in securing some of the ordered supplies. We are also securing important PPE (face shields, N95 masks, ear loop masks) from businesses in our community and the surrounding areas. The generosity of so many providing us with these valuable supplies is greatly appreciated.
2. Hand washing as we are ALL aware is key to preventing the spread of this deadly virus. Contained in the body of this email is a short Youtube video on hand washing and the benefits of soap and water versus other means of disinfecting hands. Please watch and share this video.
3. The Governor, through the Department of Health has forwarded a survey requesting that we provide them with information as follows:
 - A. Supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)- this includes current inventory, usage rates, shipment dates of additional PPE as well as any concerns related to PPE supply shortages.
 - B. Ventilators- current number, ability to split the ventilator for more than one user as well as any issues with ventilator related supplies
 - C. Other Supplies- any shortage of supplies other than PPE
 - D. Staff to Loan- provide the State with total number of provider and staff that could be provided (loaned) to assist in the COVID-19 response in another facility as well as earliest start date that they can be loaned out. If you are interested in this program, please inform your manager. We can then communicate that to the State.
 - E. Ability to Receive Transferring COVID-19 Patients- how many in Med/Surge and how many in ICU.

This is an information gathering process at this time. Once the state has the information, further direction will be provided. I, in turn will keep you posted.

I will close today with once again thanking you all for your responsiveness and willingness to be part of the solution and for caring. Very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gene F. Morreale".

Gene F. Morreale
President and CEO