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Dear Fellow Employee,

Happy Easter and Happy Passover. Today's update will be brief as not much has occurred over this weekend, which is not a bad thing. We continue to be prepared for any surge that may come our way.

We received 22 test results last night. 18 were negative and 4 were positive outpatients. 2 of the 18 negatives are current inpatients. We have 4 positive inpatients at this time and 2 inpatients whose test results are pending.

To add to our current crisis, tomorrow's weather is predicted to be an additional challenge with winds of up to 60 mph and possible thunderstorms. The weather will make our outside testing program very difficult to do in the hospital front circle. We will discuss in the morning and in all probability, we will bring testing in doors and complete in our PAT space off the hospital lobby.

The State has issued new visitation guidelines which we will need to accommodate. On Monday we will revise our current visitation restrictions to incorporate these new guidelines. Once revised, we will circulate and post.

Please continue to do all you can to help us conserve our PPE. It appears we will be in this situation for some time and even when current restrictions are lifted, we will need to continue to follow the current guidelines as the likelihood of the virus going totally away does not appear realistic.

Thank you all again for your caring and for following infection control guidelines.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale
President and CEO