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Dear Fellow Employee,

The Madison County Health Department has been in communication with us and has had success in securing some PPE which they will share with us, helping to improve our current inventory. In addition, they are working on a County re-opening plan and are looking for our assistance once that process starts. This is wonderful news.

We have tested a total of 641 individuals with 525 negative, 68 positive and 48 pending. In the hospital we have 3 positive patients with 5 more inpatients pending. As a reminder, we are testing all admissions at this time. We continue with zero COVID 19 positives in our ECF. The isolation area for new admissions in the ECF is operating and we believe that will work well to protect the rest of the residents in the ECF. As you have read, there have been significant outbreaks in long term care facilities statewide which is very problematic. Congratulations to our ECF staff who are helping to keep themselves and our residents safe. We need to stay focused so that this trend of no infections continues.....

As stated in my previous updates, we are planning for re-opening all of our services which will be a welcome sight. In particular, the elective surgery services. Planning with all departments will occur including the process for calling furloughed employees back to work. Although we have not been given the go ahead yet on when we can re-open, this matter is being discussed at the State level. We should hear soon. Many of the restrictions we have in place now will continue (i.e. no visitors) as well as our continued focus on PPE and cleaning when we are allowed to re-open. I should have additional information sometime next week.

Please check out the Employee Resources site on our intranet page and/or our webpage. There are some free links there that you may find helpful. Included are meditation links as well as my favorite, the Peloton link (no bike needed). With our requirement to stay isolated, you may find items on this site helpful.

Thank you once again for being at work for our patients, residents and co-workers. You are needed and please understand you are very much appreciated by those you care for.....

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale
President and CEO

