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Dear Fellow Employee,

It appears that our one day of sunny and warm weather is all mother nature thought we could handle right now. Mother nature may be taking her cue from the Governor, that is, opening up slowly..... There is good news today in that deaths from the virus are the lowest we have had in sometime and the number of hospitalizations statewide continued to slow. Although not out of the woods yet as new positive cases continue to surface, the outlook at this time is positive.

We have tested a total of 828 individuals, 82 were positive, 732 negative and we now have 14 pending. Last night we received 85 results, 82 negative and 3 positives. One of the new positives is now an inpatient and the 2 others were outpatients. We now have one inpatient positive and 2 inpatients pending results. These numbers again are good as the majority of those tested are negative for the virus.

As a reminder, this coming week we will open up to elective surgical procedures including endoscopy cases. We have put in place all the necessary protections for staff and patients as was communicated to you on Friday in my update. This is exciting as we have implemented some additional precautions in our OR that will be added safety measures for our providers and staff. As every day passes by we learn more on how to better make our environment safer. What we need is for all of our providers and staff to understand these safeguards and adhere to them. If we do that, no doubt our patients will benefit.

We are also looking at starting to open up some of our practices to in person visits. A good example is our allergy practice operated out of ENT on Broad Street. As you can imagine, spring brings out the allergies and having this practice fully operational again will be welcome by its patients.

The hope is the week ahead will continue to be a positive one. In the meantime, thank you all for your commitments to teamwork and patient/resident centered care.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale  
President and CEO