



April 5, 2020

We continue to perform well and will face a new week that according to Albany, will most probably be busier for all heading towards the apex of the pandemic. There is a call today at 5:00 p.m. with our Statewide association (HANYs) to review how all healthcare providers in the state can work together to help the areas of the state currently struggling to meet care demand. As of this time, we have not encountered the national guard looking to seize PPE and ventilators from us. As you may have heard, N.Y. received ventilators from China and from Oregon which will help the situation for now. The continued spread downstate will determine what other steps will be taken to ensure an adequate supply of PPE and ventilators in the hot spots of the virus outbreak.

We received 53 test results over night. 1 positive outpatient, 52 negatives. We currently have 2 COVID positives in the hospital (not 3 as I reported yesterday). We have 7 inpatients where we are pending test results. Our total pending tests are 25 from 4/2 -4/5. To date, we have tested 342 individuals, 30 were positive for COVID and 287 were negative. Again, 25 are still pending. We will be opening our testing area in the hospital circle on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

No further update on PPE other than we continue to look to purchase more. Thank you for helping to conserve as we have more “possible” COVID patients requiring us to treat as if they are positive from a PPE standpoint. Therefore, the burn of PPE has increased of late. We have equipped all areas of our organization where direct care is provided with face shields. The use of face shields and a mask will offer significant protection. Please safeguard your face shield so that it is there when you need it. We are asking businesses and community members with ability, to make these face shields for us. We have had success in securing these and with community support, we should have an adequate supply for all of our staff who require them.

Not much else new today. I will close once again by expressing the appreciation of your leadership team including the board of trustees. We are all very grateful for your continued efforts to stay safe and to care for those in need of health care.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale  
President and CEO

