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Dear Fellow Employees,

Preparations continue internally to prioritize members of the Medical Staff as well as organizational staff for eligibility to receive the vaccine. The goal remains to offer the vaccine to everyone within our organization and that timing will be dependent upon the amount of vaccine that is sent to us. I still do not have a date for when our vaccine will be delivered and hope to hear within the next several days. In the meantime, please print out the consent form and complete it to the best of your ability as you will need to bring that with you when you are scheduled for your vaccination. A declination form is also being developed and will be available for those who decide against receiving the vaccine at this time. There is a good chance that we may have access to a small amount of the Pfizer vaccine sooner rather than later. We are working with the local HUB hospital to determine what availability there is and when that vaccine can be made available to our organizational staff. Once we receive clarification on that, the process will begin with scheduling individuals at highest risk for becoming COVID infected due to their job duties.

Staff are asking questions about the vaccine, which is great. Please keep them coming. In the meantime, attached to today's update is a power point presentation that provides a good amount of current information on the vaccine process. Please feel free to share.

Please note the following:

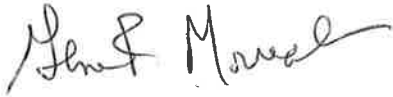
1. PPE- I am pleased to continue to report that we are in compliance with the State requirements for PPE inventory for all items. As you can imagine, with the recent increase in COVID positive individuals within our care, we are burning through that inventory at a higher rate than in the past. That is to be expected. I ask that you continue to do all you can to conserve this very important supply as we need to be prepared for a post holiday surge and ensure adequate supply of PPE for all of our staff.
2. ECF Vaccine Program- We have been in contact with Walgreens who has been assigned as our distributor and vaccinator of the vaccine. We have provided them with the numbers of residents and staff that would be eligible to receive the vaccine. They are simply gathering information now and will be providing us with a potential date when they will be able to provide the vaccine to our ECF. That will hopefully be more clear by the end of this week or early next week.
3. Community Wide Vaccination Program- It is still early to provide much information on when there will be sufficient numbers of vaccine to offer to our practice patients as well as the community at large. We are working with the YMCA to identify that location as the area that will be used for the community wide vaccination program. The YMCA is interested in partnering with us on that initiative. Again, it is early as the vaccine for that purpose won't come anytime soon.

4. COVID Positives- We currently have 16 COVID positive inpatients and 18 COVID positive ECF residents. We performed 152 rapid tests and received 28 positives. We received 45 results back from Quest and 7 of those were positive for a total of 35 positives yesterday. We currently have 203 tests pending, the majority of which were done yesterday.

We are still performing very well as a healthcare provider in all areas of the organization. This in spite of increased demand as well as a number of staff out due to illness. This result is a direct reflection on all of you who have risen to our continued challenge with this pandemic to ensure that we are there for those who need us. This recognition is not just for the direct patient care providers. You are superb! It also includes all of the support staff that work behind the scenes to make it possible for us to provide care. It is a great team effort.

Please feel free to direct your questions and concerns to my attention.

With Sincerest Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene F. Morreale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gene F. Morreale