



December 20, 2020

Dear Fellow Employees,

We were just notified that an additional allotment of the Pfizer vaccine will be made available to Oneida Health staff. The vaccine will be administered at the Upstate Community General campus in Syracuse. You would need to go there for your first vaccine administration and return approximately 21 days later for your second dose.

We have openings remaining. Therefore, I am encouraging you to sign up to receive this vaccine. Appointments are available this week. Once you sign up and are approved to receive the vaccine, you will receive an e-mail that will provide you with the instructions on how to register and schedule your appointment. You can try and schedule your time with others from Oneida, so you can share a ride to the vaccine center. At this time, this is open to all members of the medical staff and all employees of the organization, including the ECF staff.

If you are interested, please do the following:

Send an e-mail to Jessica Yoxall (jyoxall@oneidahealth.org).

Include in that e-mail your Full Name, Age, Department and Title (i.e. RN, Housekeeper, Laundry worker, CNA, etc.).

Once approved to be included on the Oneida Health list, you will be notified by e-mail. That will happen sometime Monday morning. Your instructions to get vaccinated will accompany that approval e-mail.

I was informed that the Moderna vaccine will be shipped in the U.S. this week. That most probably is the vaccine we will receive at Oneida Health, although that has not been communicated to us yet. Once we receive that information, we will communicate a process to vaccinate here all staff who were not able to travel to Syracuse to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Please understand, we do not have a delivery date or amount of vaccine to be received, so if able, please sign up for the Pfizer vaccine through Upstate. The sooner we can have our staff vaccinated, the sooner the spread of the virus amongst our vaccinated staff ends.

For ECF staff, we continue to work with Walgreens on the Federal vaccine program for you and our residents. The latest from them is that they will be rolling out the program starting 12/28. That may include us, but again, we have not been formally notified as of today. We do not know if the vaccine they will use is the Pfizer or the Moderna.....so feel free to sign up for the Pfizer Upstate program.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale