



December 21, 2020

Dear Fellow Employees,

The amount of updates from the State have come throughout the weekend and throughout each day with the focus on rolling out the vaccination program first to healthcare workers and then to others who are determined to be eligible for the vaccine during this early round of vaccinations.

We are setting up the upper level of the old Business Office building to house our vaccination center. As you may be aware, the lower level which is completely separate from the upper level, is where we do our COVID 19 testing. The upper level if set up properly will afford us the opportunity to get all employees and others eligible to receive the vaccine in and out quickly.

We have filled up the approved list to access the Pfizer vaccine through Upstate Medical Center. Those individuals have been informed and are scheduling their vaccine visit this week. I feel this is wonderful news as the vaccine no doubt will help as we continue our battle with this virus.

Please note the following:

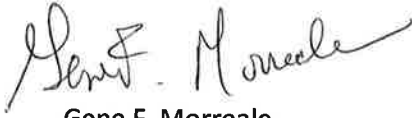
1. PPE- We continue to have an adequate supply of PPE and have been able to order additional amounts as we increase our burn rate during this time. We are also updating the Infection Control policy to reflect PPE requirements based upon the areas of our network of services.
2. COVID Positive Updates- We currently have 17 COVID positive inpatients in the hospital. We now have 17 COVID positive ECF residents. We currently are at 12 deaths as a result of the virus.
3. COVID Testing- We are moving forward with a new company to perform our PCR testing starting next week. We anticipate 12/28 as when we will send the PCR tests to this new company. They have informed us that they will turn the test results around quickly and we are anticipating most probably within 48 hours from the time the swab is taken to no more than 72 hours. This is good news as this will then allow us to use the PCR test and receive results more timely and inform those individuals who do test positive in a much more timely fashion.
4. Vaccine Program- As I have mentioned previously, when you receive your vaccine you should immediately notify the Infection Control office at 315-361-2907. We are obligated for the ACF as well as the ECF to provide the DOH with the number of healthcare workers who have been vaccinated. No additional identifying information is shared with the DOH. It is just the number of employees who were vaccinated.

The probability is pretty good that we will receive the Moderna vaccine as the vaccine that will be offered to our employees. Dr. Kirby Black, our ED Medical Director put together a brief summary of the current research on this vaccine. I am providing this as an attachment to today's update for those of you

who would like to read the summary. I think it provides you with a good understanding of how the vaccine was studied and a brief explanation of the outcomes.

Thank you all for your continued hard work and look forward to implementing our vaccine program for our employees, ECF residents as well as the community.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene F. Morreale". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gene F. Morreale