



December 27, 2020

Dear Fellow Employees,

Our staff vaccination program has been very successful to date with over 400 individuals receiving either the Pfizer Vaccine (through Upstate) or the Moderna Vaccine at Oneida Health. On Monday, 12/28, we will once again be offering a staff vaccine program starting at 7:00 a.m. in the Medical Library Conference room located on the first floor next to the double elevators. No appointment necessary. It will run until 11:00 a.m.

We currently have 14 COVID positive inpatients and 13 COVID positive ECF residents. We performed 18 rapid tests yesterday with one positive. Two results from Quest, both positive. Only 12 tests pending as of this morning. For those keeping track, we have tested 22,281 individuals, 21,336 negative, 1024 positive and 19 inconclusive and we are currently at 12 deaths since the start of the pandemic. The numbers of positives are down slightly for us but not so for the Syracuse Hospitals. Upstate experienced a surge in positives yesterday and has limited capacity in its ICU's. MVHS also has a significant number of COVID patients and is working to maintain access.

The DOH remains very concerned about the post-Holiday surge. We continue to provide them with daily volume numbers (as do all NYS Hospital/Nursing Homes) as this is what they will use to determine if the economy will need to be shut down further. What the DOH is concerned about is over taxing the health care system where access to care is not adequate.

Our COVID prep team continues to meet daily and I will provide updates each day to keep you aware of our situation. Please feel free to direct questions/concerns to my attention.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale

