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Dear Fellow Employees,

The upward trend in COVID positive patients continues to be seen through our testing process. Today's report shows that we currently have 11 COVID positive inpatients and we continue with 8 COVID positive residents in our ECF. We performed 16 rapid tests yesterday with 3 positive. We also received 137 results from Quest with 29 of those positive. We currently have 273 tests pending out to Quest.

I am pleased to report that due to some aggressive ordering practices, we are now in compliance with the NYS inventory requirements for PPE. This includes a 90 day supply for the hospital and a 60 day supply for the ECF. As you can imagine, the price tag was very high but in the end, we have sufficient PPE to take us through this very challenging time.

In regards to symptom checks, I ask that you please complete the daily symptom log and if you do answer yes to any of the questions, you should immediately contact the Infection Control office at 315-361-2907 and explain the situation. A nurse is available in the Infection Control office Monday-Friday from 7am-4pm. If you need to speak to someone during the evening or on weekends, hospital employees should contact the ACF Nursing Supervisor at 315-292-0932 and ECF employees should contact the ECF Nursing Supervisor at ext 1255. They in turn can provide you with the necessary guidance on next steps. This may include a rapid test being performed on you.

We are continuing to utilize rapid test kits whenever possible. We have received some positive word from our vendor as well as from NYS that we may be in line to receive some additional rapid test kits. That will bode well for our ability to continue to test where appropriate and receive a result rather quickly.

Please continue to wear your PPE and protect yourself while at work and also when you are out and about. The vaccine will be coming sometime this month and once we receive additional information, I will share that with you.

Thank you again for all you do for our patients, residents and each other.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale