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Dear Fellow Employees,

The DOH has reached out to us and asked that we put together the number of Oneida Health employees who would like to receive the vaccine. We have a list of employees already started from last week and we will share the number of employees wishing to receive the vaccine with the Health Department. I am reaching out once again to ask and encourage anyone who hasn't received the vaccine to please contact Andrea Narrow at [anarrow@oneidahealthcare.org](mailto:anarrow@oneidahealthcare.org) as soon as possible. Again, this is for Oneida Health employees and Medical Staff members only. The State has been very descriptive as that is who they would like us to focus on and will provide us a vaccine for that population.

Please note the following:

1. COVID Positive Rates- We are in excellent shape at this time in regards to the COVID positives we are seeing and admitting to the hospital. We currently remain at 5 COVID positive inpatients and 2 COVID positive ECF residents who have been positive and just have not tested negative as of yet. 28 rapid tests performed this weekend with 0 positive and 30 PCR test results with 1 positive. As you can see, these numbers are trending in the right direction which bodes well for us as well as our community members. Please continue as you have by following the appropriate PPE guidelines whenever in public or while at work.
2. Elective Procedures- This week as well as next, we will be increasing the access for individuals requiring elective procedures. As many of you recall, we reduced that number by half in preparation for a potential COVID spike in cases at the end of the month which thankfully did not happen. We will increase cases over the month of February with the goal of getting back to full schedules as early as possible.
3. Vaccination Program- We have been very successful in providing the second dose vaccines to our employees and individuals in the 1A category and have also been successful in providing the community second dose vaccine. Those programs continue this week. Any employee who received their initial vaccine from us, please ensure that you follow up and schedule yourself for the second dose of the vaccine.

As always, please feel free to direct any questions to my attention through Andrea Narrow's email address. You will receive a prompt response.

I look forward to spring and hopefully the end of this terrible pandemic.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale