



February 15, 2021

Dear Fellow Employees,

Although we continue to receive positive COVID results within our network, the percentage of those positives continues to decrease versus the amount of individuals tested. As a result, we will be making some changes in our visitor restriction protocol which is further discussed below.

Please be aware of the following:

1. COVID Positive Numbers- We currently have 1 COVID positive inpatient and we remain at 0 COVID positive ECF residents. We performed 15 rapid tests yesterday and 3 were positive, all seen in our ED. No other positives were received as of this morning.
2. Visitor Response Plan- Attached to today's update is the revised Visitor Response Plan that is effective immediately. You will note that we will once again revert to allowing visitors in the hospital setting as well as in the ED. There is also the allowance of an individual to come to Ambulatory Surgery at a certain time during a patient's recovery process from their surgery. It is important that you review and post this in your respective areas so that everyone is aware of what is allowed and what remains restricted at this time. The ECF is still fully restricted from visitors per DOH guidelines.
3. Vaccine Program- Tomorrow will be our last vaccine program for the foreseeable future that is available for employees as well as other individuals in the 1A category as defined by the Health Department. We will operate the vaccine center tomorrow from 7-11am and appointments are required. Once we complete tomorrow's vaccine program, we will be out of first dose vaccines. The Health Departments in both Madison and Oneida County will be giving a weekly allotment of the initial vaccine and will be scheduling individuals for that vaccine. In addition, the pharmacies will soon be receiving vaccines in our area and will be also available to provide the vaccine for eligible individuals. Eligibility remains restricted based on age and/or comorbidities.

For the time being, we will be out of the initial vaccine program. We will continue to provide the second vaccine to those individuals that were originally vaccinated through our service here. The government appears to be relying on Health Departments as well as pharmacies at this time to get the vaccine out to community members.

Please feel free to direct any questions you have regarding this communication or anything else related to the COVID pandemic to me. Please do all you can to keep your guard up during this time so as to ensure your safety as well as the safety of your family members, our patients, residents and each other.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gene F. Morreale', is written over the typed name.

Gene F. Morreale