



February 22, 2021

Dear Fellow Employees,

Wonderful news to report today in that we have 0 COVID positive inpatients and 0 COVID ECF residents. This is the first time since the start of the pandemic that I have been able to report that. The hope is that this will continue but highly unlikely as we still see positive results in our testing center for individuals who are symptomatic or presenting for elective procedures. However, we will enjoy this while we can.

I have attached to today's email the COVID 19 healthcare provider symptom monitoring tracking sheet. I do not want to lose sight of the fact that we are required to document our symptoms prior to the start of each work shift. When symptoms are present or when you answer a "yes" to any of the questions, you should bring that to the attention of your immediate supervisor or the Infection Control office. The nursing supervisors for the hospital and the ECF are also a good avenue for you to report any symptoms or positive responses. Please continue to complete this for the time being until such time that the requirements for this are rescinded.

For PCR testing, we have decided to revert back to Quest Laboratories to send our PCR swabs to. This is effective immediately. They have responded by offering us a more reasonable price for the testing as well as a guarantee that they will turn the results around as quickly as AEGIS has been able to do for us. The one major advantage is that we are electronically interfaced with Quest which will significantly reduce the amount of paper and manual intervention that needs to take place to order the tests as well as report the findings.

As is always the case, please feel free to direct any questions, comments or concerns regarding COVID to my attention. I will respond to those as quickly as possible.

Thank you again for helping us win this battle against this terrible virus.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gene F. Morreale'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gene F. Morreale