



February 3, 2021

Dear Fellow Employees,

In our continued communication with the DOH, it appears that we will be allotted a new amount of vaccine in the next 1-2 weeks that can be used for Oneida Health employees and Medical Staff members. The restriction on use of the vaccine is placed on us by the DOH. If you are a new employee who has not been vaccinated or an existing employee who has now decided to pursue vaccination, please reach out to Andrea Narrow at [anarrow@oneidahealthcare.org](mailto:anarrow@oneidahealthcare.org) and give her your name so that we can provide you with the vaccine when it is received.

In regards to vaccination of others including those over age 65, it appears that the Federal Government will be releasing vaccines directly to pharmacies to offer the vaccine for that particular population. As is the case in Onondaga County, there will still be a limited amount of vaccine available and it will be on a first come, first served basis. The goal is to get as many vaccines into as many individuals as soon as possible. Please continue to listen to the news updates as well as going to the NYS COVID website to find out more if you have loved ones that you would like to see vaccinated when the vaccine is available.

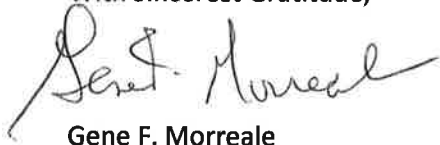
Please note the following:

1. PPE- We are in good shape with PPE as of today. The volume of patients that we have been seeing in the hospital setting is down considerably which has reduced the daily burn rate.
2. COVID Positives- We are down to 2 COVID positive inpatients and 2 COVID positive ECF residents. We did 140 rapid tests yesterday and we had 0 positives. Although there remains positives in and around our communities, the number continues to go downward which is also a national trend, which is great news.
3. Department of Health Guidelines- As a reminder there has been no change in guidelines issued by the DOH. This includes the wearing of PPE as well as travel requirements upon return. As a reminder, please schedule yourself for a rapid test with the Employee Health Office 4 days upon your return from an area outside of NYS.

The snow obviously has created havoc for all of us whether at home or here at work. The amount of snow that fell over the last 24-48 hours was unbelievable in how quickly it fell and as you know, our snow plow company had trouble keeping up with it. We continue to look at ways to better manage snow removal during storms such as this Nor'easter. For those of you that encountered difficulty due to snow issues in our walkways or in our parking areas, please accept my apology for that. We are aware of the challenges and continue to look at ways to address it in the event that we have additional storms this year. Please be careful when entering and leaving work and ensure that you wear proper footwear for the weather.

Thank you all for your continued excellent work when it comes to caring for our patients and residents as well as when providing services to this organization.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gene F. Morreale". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gene F. Morreale