



January 12, 2021

Dear Fellow Employees,

I am pleased to report that we have used all of our vaccine with today's vaccination program. We are prepared to open up once again to those on the 1B eligibility list as well as those within our network that are 75 years of age and older. All we need to accomplish that is to receive an allocation of the vaccine. There currently is no vaccine available in all of Madison County.

In a recent webinar with the DOH, the goal is to open up many distribution locations for providing access to the vaccine. For example, pharmacies have been designated as a site to administer vaccines to individuals 75 years of age and older. The County Health Departments have been designated to provide vaccine to those on the 1B list of individuals. And finally hospitals are asked to continue to vaccinate any individuals on the 1A list that remain as well as allowing for individuals on the 1B list to be vaccinated. Again, this only works if there is an adequate supply of the vaccine which currently there is not.

Please note the following updates:

1. PPE- We remain in good health in regards to our inventory of PPE. We are burning more items as of late which is related to a higher number of COVID positive inpatients. I continue to ask that you do all you can to preserve your PPE but with that in mind, make sure that you are adhering to our PPE guidelines whenever in the workplace.
2. COVID Positives Update- We currently have 12 COVID positive inpatients in the hospital and 4 positive residents in the ECF. We performed 163 rapid tests yesterday, 23 of which were positive. Majority were from the practices. We received 34 PCR results yesterday and 6 were positive, again mostly from the practices. No new employees have tested positive.
3. Second Dose Vaccine- An email with an attachment listing all employees and members of the Medical Staff who received their first vaccine here at Oneida Health was sent to Department Heads in both the ACF and ECF. I have asked Department Heads to reach out to those in their areas to give them the dates that we will be offering for them to receive the second dose. We will then ask you to come on those mornings and receive your second dose of the Moderna vaccine. If you have not been contacted by your manager, please feel free to reach out to them or contact my office.

Our battle with this virus continues each day. The volume of new positives continues to remain stable which is good news. As I have stated in previous communications with you, we had significant concerns about a post-holiday spike that could cripple the healthcare system. As of this date, things appear to be under control.

Thank you again for all you do for our patients, residents and each other. Please keep up the great work that you are doing.

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