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Dear Fellow Employees,

Although not a lot has changed since yesterday's update, Mr. Morreale has asked that I share with you the most current COVID information at Oneida Health.

1. As of this morning, we have tested a total of 4,799 individuals, 4476 negative, 161 positive, with 162 pending (pending- mostly from the weekly ECF staff tests). We have received 34 results as follows: Elective Procedure 2/0, Inpatient Testing 7/0, ED 8/0, Practices 11/1, ECF staff 3/0, Employee Health 1/0.
2. We do have 3 COVID positive inpatients, all from the Lutheran Nursing Home. We are working closely with the NYSDOH and the home to meet regulatory guidance for discharging these patients. We have been in direct contact with both the hospital and long-term care divisions of the state health department to relay our concerns. We have also contacted the Administration at the Lutheran Home to keep abreast of their situation as well.
3. We did receive some PPE and testing supplies from NYS for the testing of ECF staff: test vials, gloves, face shields and isolation gowns. Great news to report: our latest order of reusable gowns (432) has arrived. Laundry staff is stamping them, 72 hours after which they will be laundered and available for use. This has reduced the burn rate of the disposable gowns considerably.
4. The ECF was recently mandated to keep 60 day's supply of PPE on hand as part of their surge plan. Jennifer Mayer and the Purchasing staff are working diligently to create that stockpile. We have heard of a potential mandate for the Hospital to have 90 day's supply, but have not yet seen the Executive Order to that effect. We are continually increasing our supplies as opportunities present themselves.
5. Rapid testing continues with good success. We are averaging approximately 12-15 rapid tests per day, using them for ED, Inpatients as well as emergent OR cases, and Employee Health concerns.

Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July! Our success here is a true reflection of your efforts to keep our patients and residents safe.

Keep up the Great Work,

Mary Parry