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June 19, 2020

Dear Fellow Employee,

As you recall from yesterday's update, we are making a change in our current visitor restriction policy to allow certain visitation for hospitalized inpatients.

Attached to this email is our revised Oneida Health Visitor Response Plan which is effective on Monday, June 22. The major changes are as follows:

- We are allowing up to 2 visitors for inpatients during the time period of 1:00-5:00pm, 7 days per week.
- All visitors must be at least 18 years of age.
- We are obligated to provide to each visitor the risks/benefits of their visiting the patient.
- The provider or members of our care team have the right to ask the visitor to leave the room or discontinue visitation at any time depending upon patient care needs.
- The visitor must only travel to and from the patient room during the allowed visitation. They are not allowed to use the waiting areas, lobby areas or the café. Use of public restrooms is appropriate and permitted.

Please review the attached visitor policy so that you are knowledgeable if asked by family or friends on our current policy. This policy is designed in line with guidelines issued by the Department of Health.

As a brief update regarding COVID in our State, the Governor's last daily conference was recently completed. He commented that hospitalizations in the State are at the lowest level we have seen since the start of the pandemic. We also have the lowest weekly infection rate and the lowest weekly average number of deaths in the State. He had warned that we need to watch for a second wave of infection especially during the travel season when other states are seeing a spike and people are getting back to normal ways of living.

As a brief update of our current numbers for June 19, we have tested 3927 individuals. 3693 were negative and 151 positive with 83 pending results. We received 125 results back today as follows: Elective Procedures 9/0, Inpatient testing 0/0, ED 0/0, Practices including Quick Care 5/0 and ECF staff 98/0. We currently have no positive inpatients and all admitted patients are negative.

I will close by wishing all of the fathers out there a Happy Father's Day. I also hope those of you who have this weekend off to enjoy your time and for those of you required to work this weekend, thank you for being here for our patients and residents.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

  
Gene F. Morreale