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Dear Fellow Employee,

I hate to sound like a broken record but I need to sound that way as things continue to go very well for us as we come out of this pandemic.

My plan moving forward will be to provide an update on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week as this will allow me to provide insight as to issues that we discuss at each of our pandemic leadership committee meetings held on these days. I also will provide special updates when something out of the ordinary occurs or there is information that should not wait until the regular Tuesday/Thursday CEO update.

Please note the following:

1. The Governor had communicated today during his briefing a lot of good news regarding COVID. He stated that in NYS we are currently doing 50,000 tests per day. On Sunday there was only 941 COVID positives which is about 2% of the total tests performed. Also, the number of deaths in NYS is down to 54. As a reminder, during the peak of the pandemic we were seeing 800 deaths per day. Currently there is about 3330 hospitalized COVID positive patients in the state and again during the height of the pandemic there were 19,000 COVID positive patients hospitalized on a given day. That was back in mid-April. And finally new hospital admissions due to a positive COVID test is down to 170 throughout the state versus when we were at the peak of the virus we had 3200 admissions per day. Since the pandemic began we have had 371,711 COVID positive patients in the state. Based upon the Governor's data provided today, it does appear that we are definitely heading in the right direction and that is good news for everyone.
2. PPE inventory continues to be in good shape. The only exception which I have noted previously is the small size N95 masks. Usage of the small size has decreased of late and I thank you for helping us with that. One of the initiatives we pursued was retesting those who wear small masks to determine if they could utilize a regular size N95 mask. A number of individuals have and I ask you to please contact Respiratory Therapy to be fit tested if you are currently in the small size and haven't been re-fit tested. We may be able to change you to a regular size N95 for which we have a very solid inventory of. In addition, a number of staff have participated in the reprocessing of the N95 masks. Thank you for that as that definitely has a huge impact on our ability to conserve this vital PPE. As I have stated previously, our goal is to ensure that we have adequate PPE for all staff, everyday. By working together through this one area of need, I think we can continue to accomplish that.
3. We have tested 2636 individuals, 2299 negative, 144 positive and a good number pending which is 193. Of the pending, 112 are ECF employees with their second round of testing and the rest are mainly from the Elective Procedure testing requirement. We received 10 results back

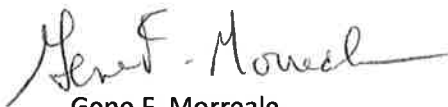
yesterday as follows: Elective Procedures 0/0, Inpatient testing 5/0, ED testing 1/0, Practices 1/0 and ECF staff 3/0. We currently have 1 COVID positive inpatient with 12 inpatients pending test results. A special thank you to our ECF Staff for their cooperation with this mandated testing. Also, a big thank you to our Laboratory Staff who are responsible for packaging the tests and communicating the results received from Quest. A large amount of effort is required to make sure everything is done accurately and appropriately.

4. The Antibody testing process continues with the validation. We hope to be online with offering this test sometime next week. You will receive communication from the lab in regards to the process to order this testing.

Again, my updates will be sent two times per week and I will continue to communicate the prevalence of COVID via our test results with each update.

I thank you for your continued assistance and caring during this challenging time.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene F. Morreale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Gene F. Morreale
President and CEO