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Dear Fellow Employee,

This update is one of the more difficult ones that I have had to write. An employee in the hospital who was recently diagnosed with COVID 19, had worked for several days before having symptoms and being tested. We have implemented our outreach process in conjunction with the Department of Health to inform all who may have had close contact (i.e. within 6 feet) with this person. As you can imagine, it will be a challenge to identify everyone so continued symptom monitoring for all is very important. We strongly believe that the employee who is positive was exposed at home. Also, once symptomatic, this person did not return to work and was immediately tested and appropriately quarantined.

I want to ensure that you understand that there is no one to blame for this. What occurred is exactly why controlling the spread is difficult and why social distancing and very frequent hand washing is important. Cleaning the work area throughout the day is everyone's job, especially high touch areas.

Effective today, all employees, medical staff, patients, basically anyone in our circle of care are required to wear an ear loop mask while in any of our organizational facilities. For those providing direct patient care in the ACF, Quick Care and our practices where symptomatic patients present and are cared for, please refer to the March 27 Updated Infection Control guidance which I have attached to this e-mail. It is your responsibility to understand and follow these guidelines 100% of the time.

Some providers and staff may not have read this update and may not be aware of this new 100% masking guideline. Please feel free to share this e-mail with them, including the attached guidelines and require that they immediately comply. If they fail to comply, you have a right to ask them to immediately leave our premises. Contact the nursing supervisor if you need assistance who can then contact security for assistance. Non-compliance will not be tolerated!

Currently, there are 0 COVID-19 patients in the hospital. One inpatient is pending lab results. There were two recent outpatient positives and there are 13 tests results we are waiting to hear back on. No COVID 19 in our ECF at the present time.

I will send another update later today. Thank you....

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale
President and CEO

