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The COVID 19 issue is still with us as will be shown in the numbers below. The majority of new cases are outpatients and there appears to be a hotspot at the newly opened GreenHouse Farm in Wampsville. Please understand that those workers, many of whom are brought in to our area by a Company that supplies farm workers, do not all speak English. The Madison County Health Department is involved and is testing all 500 workers there to find out how much of a problem we have. These workers live in and around Oneida and therefore are out shopping, purchasing food, washing clothes, etc. Therefore it is so important that you continue for now with the social isolation as we don't want a significant spread in our local area. Please follow the important guidelines for safety especially when you are out doing the things you need to do like shopping for food.

We have tested a total of 1057 individuals, 907 are negative, 117 are positive and we now have 29 pending overall. Yesterday we received 72 test results, 63 negative, 9 were positive. We currently have 3 positive inpatients and 10 inpatients whose testing is pending. We will continue to do all we can to provide a testing avenue through our hospitals front circle for those referred from our practices as well as for the elective procedure patients.

The month of May is an important month as this was declared several weeks ago by our Governor when Upstate N.Y. will see a surge in COVID cases. With what I have mentioned in the first paragraph, we need to continue to be vigilant. Please use your knowledge of the situation to communicate with your family and friends. Once we can get control over new cases, we will be able to start getting back to a more normal lifestyle.

This past week was a good week for us as we are starting to see some patients requiring our care. I hope that continues this coming week as we work to get back to business of providing medical and surgical care. Thank you all for the wonderful work you do for our organization.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale
President and CEO