



May 27, 2020

Dear Fellow Employee,

The good news from the Governor continues. He announced that the number of new cases of COVID is continuing its downward trend, the lowest level since tracking began. There were about 200 new cases statewide compared to 3000 at its new case peak, with 73 COVID deaths statewide yesterday. Our statewide death toll due to COVID sits at about 25,561. The state is still investigating whether additional deaths were caused by COVID by not recognized as such. The hope is with re-opening, we will continue with this downward trend and can then focus on preparing for the next Flu and possible COVID season.

Please note the following updates:

1. Our PPE inventory remains in reasonably good shape. We still have not received any new shipments of N95 masks and are keeping close tabs on utilization of those masks. We have orders out for 10,000 N95 masks and are hoping we will receive some soon. Usage or burn rate as it is referred to has been excellent. Again, our sincerest thanks to all of you for preserving as best you can our PPE resources. It is definitely making a difference.
2. We have tested 2202 individuals, 1861 negative, 141 positive with 200 pending results. We did receive 18 results back as follows: Surgery testing 2/0, Inpatient 4/0, ED 1/0, Practices 1/0 and ECF staff 10/0. We currently have 1 positive inpatient with 11 pending results.
3. We need to continue our efforts to reduce expenses. If we are successful, our recovery period from this financially devastating pandemic will occur with less pain and in a shorter amount of time. Please be aware of all supplies you utilize each day. Is there a way to reduce? Daily testing of patients/residents (i.e. labs), is it necessary? Utility costs, especially during the summer months...are lights out in areas when there is no need for them to be on? I am challenging you to help this organization through this crisis. Again, we need to do more to help while we look to financially recover sometime in the near future.
4. We continue to receive positive feedback from family members of our residents in the ECF as well as from patients who were recently cared for. I received yesterday a list of fantastic comments from patients treated in the hospital inpatient and outpatient areas. I would like to share two of them. "Everyone was great. Really impressed with the way the hospital has progressed over the years. I received very good care and can't say enough good about the hospital. Thanks to everyone." And "Everything was explained to me very well. Loved the information that was given to me. I think everyone was wonderful; they were truthful and interested and never seemed to be in a rush. Housekeepers were very good and thorough with cleaning/cordial." Congratulations to all. A team effort!!

Thank you all for taking the time to read these updates. Your feedback has been helpful to me. Please keep up the exceptional work you do.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene F. Morreale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "G" and "M".

Gene F. Morreale  
President and CEO