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Those not at work today are probably not inside looking at e-mail. That is understandable with the kind of a day we are having.

Following up on what I commented on yesterday, the Health Department tested 196 Green House employees and will test the remainder on Tuesday. That will give us an understanding of how hot this area is in regards to COVID. We have also received a good number of test kits from the State to test all ECF employees and all residents in our ECF. This testing initiative is going on throughout the state to determine how difficult the COVID problem is in nursing homes. Residents in nursing homes are frail and susceptible to bad outcomes from COVID. We plan on starting testing tomorrow and will complete as soon as possible. The State is anxious to know about this for all long term care facilities.

There have been requests for us to offer COVID 19 antibody testing by many patients in our practices as well as from staff. From my reading on this matter, the majority of antibody tests are not of any value yet. Especially the finger prick one. Too many inaccurate results, too many cross reactions and they are not specific for COVID-19 antibodies. There currently is not good regulation on these antibody testing kits. We are continuing to look at this testing for a test process that will provide what is needed to individuals rather than the many nonspecific testing results that are being reported today. We are in discussions with a number of national labs and will begin to offer this testing once we have an appropriate option. Again, this is the test to determine if you may have had COVID but were not tested for the virus because you were not that ill or not ill at all.

We have tested for COVID 19 a total of 1104 individuals, 968 are negative, 122 are positive with 14 pending. We have 4 positive COVID 19 patients at this time with 6 inpatients pending. We had received 72 results yesterday, 67 negative and 5 positive. One positive is currently one of our inpatients and 4 were outpatients.

I am looking forward to the upcoming week and hoping our numbers of positive patients remains low. I will update throughout the week the testing process we are going through in the ECF as well as where we are with PPE inventory. Thank you.....

With Sincerest Gratitude,

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President and CEO

