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Dear Fellow Employees,

At this morning's leadership meeting, we discussed the continued increase in COVID positive patients seen within our network of services.

Over the weekend, we performed 9 rapid tests and 1 came back positive. We also received 128 results from Quest over the weekend with 16 positives, 14 from our practices and 2 from our ED. We currently have 56 tests pending. The take-away from this continues to be the uptick in positive cases in and around our community and we as healthcare workers need to do all we can to protect ourselves. As a reminder, your mask should be worn at all times at work unless you are eating and you should social distance during that time. A face shield is required when interacting with patients as we are seeing an uptick in asymptomatic positive patients.

Our PPE remains in good shape with the exception of small N95 masks. That number remains low and we are continuing to do all we can to secure additional small masks for those individuals needing that size.

A positive is that our Quick Care service is now performing PCR testing for individuals presenting who are symptomatic or who require a test. As a reminder, the PCR tests are sent out to Quest and usually take anywhere from 2-5 days to receive results.

No other updates at this time. I will provide a short briefing again tomorrow.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale