



November 27, 2020

Dear Fellow Employee,

I would like to address one item in today's update that has surfaced since my e-mail sent on Wednesday regarding no cloth masks allowed. Please note the following:

1. Masks - effective immediately, cloth masks are not permitted within our organization. This also includes patients presenting for care and anyone who is accompanying them into the waiting room, treatment area. If they do not have a disposable face mask, please provide them with one and ask that next time they come in for care, to please wear a disposable face mask, not made of cloth. Please explain this is for their and for our protection as the cloth masks do not provide adequate protection from the virus being released in to the air.
2. COVID Testing Results – We performed 15 rapid tests yesterday, all negative. We received 160 results from Quest, 5 were positive, all from our practices. 114 tests from the ECF staff and residents were negative. We currently have a total of 379 pending test results at Quest, 235 of which are from our ECF as well as 126 from our practices.
3. COVID Positive Patients – we currently have 4 positive inpatients in the hospital and 5 positive residents. All are doing well at this time. The 9 COVID positive patients/residents have been appropriately isolated in the ACF or ECF and are being properly cared for. We have a total of 6 patients who have expired, since the start of the pandemic, who were COVID positive at the time of their death.

I hope you all were able to enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday. A special Thank You for those who worked yesterday, caring for our patients and residents.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale  
President and CEO