



October 13, 2020

Dear Fellow Employees,

Today's update will be somewhat brief as I sent out an update yesterday.

Please note the following:

1. Visitor Plan- We have completely revised the visitor plan and I have attached the revised plan to this email. Please review this plan as it relates to your specific area. We will also post this on our website and make it available to the community as necessary. We will try to generate a press release in the local newspapers.
2. COVID Testing Form- The Medent computer system which is used in the majority of our practices has a form that can be completed and sent to our testing center. A reminder to our providers and staff, the form needs to be completed in total to avoid unnecessary phone calls. We have also developed a form that now sits on our website for those non-Medent user practices. You can access the COVID requisition form in the footer of our oneidahealth.org website under Employee Resources. There is a passcode to get into the form which will be shared or can be requested. The goal with this is to ensure that the testing center has all the information they need in order to perform the test. We will soon be discontinuing the FAX option as the online form will be sent electronically to the center by hitting the submit form box.
3. Testing Center- As of this week, the testing center will no longer be operating on Saturdays. With the rapid testing available for the testing center, we are more able to accommodate pre-procedure testing without the necessity of doing weekend testing.
4. COVID Testing- We have performed a number of tests and yesterday we received another positive through our Emergency Department. We did complete 32 rapid tests yesterday with 31 of those being negative. We also received 78 test results from Quest with 1 positive from one of our practices. We now only have 26 tests pending. We have tested 12,527 individuals, 12,280 negative, 215 positive. We remain at 3 hospital deaths and currently there are no COVID positive inpatients. We remain COVID free within the ECF.
5. PPE- Continued good news on the PPE front. We received samples of the duck-bill N95 masks. Our respiratory service will test those to ensure that they meet protection standards. Once we receive those results and if they pass, we will immediately order those which will provide us with an ongoing inventory of N95 masks that will be available for our staff as appropriate. We also received a shipment of small teal N95 masks. 10 boxes were received which will help secure our inventory for the near future on the small size. Again, I want to recognize our Purchasing Department for continuing to excel in this area.

We received a couple of letters from students at North Broad Street Elementary School. I have attached those letters to today's update. It is nice that even the younger individuals in our community recognize the importance of their healthcare providers.

Thank you once again for your fine work in protecting yourself, your co-workers and our patients and residents.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale