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Dear Fellow Employees,

I am afraid the roller coaster ride is heading to another peak in regards to COVID infections. I have attached a link to today's email that describes the fact that COVID infection rates are increasing throughout the country including New York State. Please take a moment to review the article as it will provide you with some additional information regarding the COVID experience. As a strong reminder to all of you, please take every precaution to protect yourself and understand that even if vaccinated, there is an opportunity to be infected with this virus.

On the good news front in regards to COVID, we are down to 4 COVID positive inpatients with 1 of those being recently admitted. We are now up to 34 total deaths since the start of the pandemic. We performed 79 rapid tests yesterday with 3 coming back positive.

Staffing in many parts of the organization remains a significant challenge. My promise to you is that we will continue to do all we can to bring talented staff to Oneida Health to help care for the many patients who choose us for their care. I again ask that you please refer those individuals that you know would be a good addition to our team to apply for a position. Even if we don't have an exact match for what they are looking for, we would be willing to discuss with them options to see if we could make it work where they could join us and become part of the Oneida Health team. This is a wonderful place to work and provide services to our community. I simply ask that you do what you can to help us during this very challenging time.

I will close with the fact that I will respond to any questions or concerns that any of you may have regarding Oneida Health. Please forward your email or if you prefer to meet with me, contact Andrea Narrow at 315-361-2300.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Gene F. Morreale