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President and Chief Executive Officer

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Good Afternoon:

The healthcare team at Clara Maass Medical Center (“CMMC”) and our Medical Staff continue to do amazing work caring for our community. The acts of compassion and teamwork that we are all seeing each day reinforces our message that they are all heroes. Thank you again for all your thoughtful messages and donations to our facility.

The following is an overview of current conditions at CMMC:

- Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, we have worked tirelessly to address this serious public health issue and care for our patients and each other.
- To date, we have provided care to 1,165 patients who have tested positive for and are under investigation for COVID-19.
- To date, we have successfully discharged 386 patients who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Across the system, we have successfully discharged more than 4,400 patients after being treated for COVID-19.
- We are continuing to see a decrease in COVID-19 positive cases.
- Now that the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be subsiding, we are moving forward in a thoughtful and structured way to continue to safely and reliably serve our communities, and care for all patients. With the safety of our patients and team members at the forefront, we are taking the appropriate precautions to continue to ensure the highest quality care, protection, support and comfort for all of our patients and each other.
- Our Emergency Department and other urgent services remain available to care for patients safely and we continue to urge the community and its residents to not delay emergency care, specifically those experiencing symptoms of a stroke or heart attack.

The entire team at CMMC is doing truly incredible work under extraordinarily difficult circumstances, and I am continually impressed with their selfless dedication to our patients, colleagues and the community-at-large.

The continued outpouring of support for our caregivers and staff during this pandemic has been extremely moving. As previously shared with you, if you are interested in providing assistance to our front-line staff, please consider making a contribution to the Emergency Response Fund. Your gift will help us address the growing needs arising as a result of the challenges presented by this crisis and will be used to support our comprehensive emergency care efforts.

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Thank you for your commitment to the communities we serve and your efforts to ensure that everyone remains safe.

Please be well and practice good self-care, including diligent handwashing and responsible social distancing.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (973) 450-2002 or by cell (973) 220-6184; or via email at [mary.clyne@rwjbh.org](mailto:mary.clyne@rwjbh.org).

Sincerely,

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