

April 25, 2020

Dear Residents,

We received news of a second resident with a confirmed case of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The resident resides in skilled nursing. The resident is receiving care within the Life Centre and is taking guidance from their physician. We wish this resident a speedy recovery. **There are no new employee cases.**

We understand this is not the news anyone wanted to receive and what a stressful time it is for residents, staff, and family members. We are committed to the safety of those living and working at The Mather.

What is Mather doing to be prepared as new information or guidance is released?

- Members of an interdisciplinary task force of Mather senior leadership continues to meet daily to discuss critical updates and new guidance released by the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health to determine if new protocols, policies, and procedure are necessary.
- Mary Leary, CEO and President of Mather, was appointed by the Mayor of Evanston to serve on a citywide COVID-19 Task Force and lead an Evanston Senior Living/Congregate Housing COVID-19 Working Group. These efforts have provided access to information, connections, and initiatives, focused on helping mitigate and manage the spread of COVID-19. State and local epidemiologists and infectious disease consultants participate and share best practices.
- We have a team member dedicated to sourcing, procuring, and monitoring usage of personal protective equipment (PPE) and working with Evanston HHR to assist in providing supplies, if needed.
- **COVID-19 Testing:** This continues to be an evolving situation and we are closely monitoring guidance from the regulatory bodies that oversee The Mather. Should such guidance change, **The Mather will respond. We have been reviewing sources of testing and will be reaching out to these sources to be ready.**

We know this is a stressful time for all – residents, staff, and family members. Our main focus is on the priority and safety of those living and working at The Mather. We will continue to keep you informed and we ask for your respect, patience, support, and words of encouragement of members of The Mather team, and in particular, our Life Centre team. **Thank you for your continued support.**

For general questions, please call (847) 492.4651 or email bewell@thematherevanston.com.

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,



Deann Daniel,
Executive Director

PS: Please note that this letter is being shared with all resident's current emergency contacts.