

May 21, 2020

Dear Residents,

Earlier this week, we implemented testing for the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) for residents and employees in The Mather Life Centre. We had expected that there may be some positive cases among those tested, knowing that people may have the virus who are asymptomatic. **We are pleased to share, based on this testing, we have no new positive cases in Assisted Living, Memory Support, or Skilled Nursing. We tested 145 residents, employees, and private caregivers in the Life Centre, with three pending results, all other testing negative, and six employees remaining to be tested.**

Separate from this testing, we received notice yesterday from an employee, who has not been on The Mather property since May 6 (more than 14 days), that they tested positive for COVID-19. This employee is recovering at home and following guidance from their physician.

We are very proud of our team and their commitment to implementing strong infection control and sanitation protocols to minimize the spread of the virus. We wanted to reiterate some of those practices below.

### **INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES**

It is important to note that The Mather has been operating under the assumption that COVID-19 exists in the community. Therefore, we will continue to follow current protocols and practices regarding infection prevention, including health screening of staff and residents for symptoms; enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection; use of personal protective equipment during resident care; and restriction of visitors.

#### **Deep-cleaning measures, particularly in high-touch areas:**

Throughout the community, we continue to implement strong infection control and sanitation protocols to minimize the spread of the virus. The housekeeping team is cleaning and disinfecting high-touch areas based on guidance from local and state health departments.

#### **Personal protective equipment in the Life Centre:**

Employees throughout the community are wearing masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) as recommended by federal, state, and local guidance. They are practicing social distancing, frequently washing hands, and taking other precautions to prevent the spread of the virus.

We hope this positive news brings you comfort. The health and safety of residents and employees is truly at the forefront of what we do. Next week, we look forward to sharing some details with you about a proposed plan for easing of shelter-in place restrictions that may occur over a period of time.

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

Sincerely,

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