

# COVID-19 UPDATE

December 8, 2020

Dear Employees of Mather Place,

We received notice yesterday, December 7, 2020, that two **contracted service individuals who work at Mather Place in Wilmette have confirmed positive cases of COVID-19**. These individuals are resting at home and we wish them a speedy recovery.

The agency that employs these contracted service individuals is interviewing them to determine if they were in close contact with residents and/or employees (meaning within 6 feet of anyone for more than 15 minutes). Individuals who have been in close contact will be notified.

## **HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES UPDATE:**

In order to minimize contact between residents and employees, we are asking residents to vacate their apartment homes while housekeeping staff are present.

## **PLEASE REMAIN VIGILANT:**

Wilmette and the surrounding areas are experiencing a substantial increase in Coronavirus cases, as are senior care communities around the country. During this time of increased risks—which coincides with flu season—we ask you to continue doing what you can to protect yourself and others, including

- **practicing physical distancing (no closer than 6 feet away for no more than 15 minutes)**
- wearing masks that cover your mouth and nose when you are at work and anywhere outside of your home
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing your hands frequently for 20 or more seconds or by using hand sanitizer
- avoiding small social gatherings

Please limit your exposures to others during this holiday season; it can make a huge difference in the safety of your coworkers, residents, and you.

Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Katrina O'Neill  
Executive Director

## **COVID-19 SYMPTOMS – SELF MONITOR**

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please immediately reach out to your physician and notify your manager or your Human Resources representative of your condition. Symptoms include a loss of taste or smell, cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, chills, muscle pain, pink eye, eye pain, vertigo, discoloration of the toes, and gastrointestinal issues such as diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting.