

# COVID-19 UPDATE

December 24, 2020

Dear Residents of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we learned yesterday, December 23, 2020, that **an employee of The Mather Life Centre tested positive for COVID-19**. We wish this individual a speedy recovery. The Mather is interviewing this individual to determine if he/she was 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.

This result came from our routine testing. All other results from our recent testing of Life Centre employees and residents were negative, which is good news.

## **COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS:**

**Wednesday, January 6 is the date that Life Centre residents and employees can receive the COVID-19 vaccine.** We are working on gathering consent forms from everyone who wants to be included. **Completed consent forms for employees and verbal consents from family members of Life Centre residents must be received no later than next Wednesday, December 30.**

We will keep everyone updated as we learn more regarding when the vaccine will be available for Independent Living residents and employees.

## **PLEASE CELEBRATE SAFELY:**

Yesterday the CDC recommended that we all stay home this holiday season in order to best protect ourselves and others from COVID-19. **If you spend time with family members outside The Mather this week, please remain physically distant from other residents for two weeks following your family gathering.** This will help prevent the unintentional spread of the virus in our community.

Though the holidays are different this year, we hope you find joy and peace no matter how you celebrate.

Sincerely,

Deann Daniel, Executive Director

## **COVID-19 VACCINE FACT**

**People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated.**