

# COVID-19 UPDATE & VACCINE NEWS

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Dear Residents of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we learned yesterday, January 23, 2021, that based on routine testing, **an employee who works in The Mather Life Centre tested positive for COVID-19.** 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. We wish the individual a speedy recovery.

## **COVID-19 VACCINATION:**

**Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is an important step in stopping the spread of the virus. We are looking forward to our vaccination clinic with Walgreens on Wednesday, January 27.**

**It is important to note that getting the COVID-19 vaccine does not mean you are invincible.** As stated in a recent article from the Cleveland Clinic, it takes time for the vaccine to take effect and you can still transmit COVID-19 to others. Physicians and health professionals stress the importance of continuing infection control protocols that have kept many safe during the pandemic. **That means wearing face masks over your nose and mouth, washing hands for 20 seconds or more or using hand sanitizer, staying physically distanced (at least 6 feet apart), and avoiding indoor gatherings or large numbers of people until community spread is at a level to allow us to return to normal.** While the COVID-19 vaccine is very effective and valuable, it works best when coupled with the preventative public health measures already in place. **We ALL must work TOGETHER and keep practicing COVID-19 protocols—even after you are vaccinated.**

Source: <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/what-happens-when-you-get-the-covid-19-vaccine/>

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Deann Daniel  
Executive Director