

COVID-19 UPDATE

February 12, 2021

Dear Employees of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we learned yesterday, February 11, that **a private caregiver who works in Independent Living tested positive for COVID-19.** The home care agency is interviewing this individual 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. We wish the individual a speedy recovery.

Please note that caregivers who work for residents of The Mather are required to wear masks at all times, including inside apartment homes.

FINAL COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC NEXT WEEK:

We are excited about our final vaccination clinic scheduled for Wednesday, February 17. The vaccine will not protect you without the second dose.

PLEASE REMAIN VIGILANT:

COVID-19 is not going away. Multiple variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 are circulating globally. These variants seem to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19. So far, studies suggest that antibodies generated through vaccination with currently authorized vaccines may recognize these variants.

SOURCE: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant.html)

Regardless of your vaccination status, we ask that you 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)
- good hand hygiene by washing your hands frequently for 20 or more seconds
- wearing masks that cover your mouth and nose when you are outside your home

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Deann Daniel
Executive Director

PLEASE SELF MONITOR FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, you should contact your physician for guidance, stay in your home, and notify your supervisor or Human Resources. 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.

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