

# COVID-19 UPDATE

April 2, 2021

Dear Employees of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we learned yesterday, April 1, 2021, that **two employees who work in The Mather Life Centre tested positive for COVID-19**. We wish these individuals a speedy recovery. The Mather 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.

## **LIFE CENTRE VISTITATION PAUSED:**

Visitation to residents within The Mather Life Centre has been suspended until one round of testing for all residents and employees is completed. Testing is being conducted today. If no new COVID-19 cases are identified – visits can be resumed with appropriate precautions. We will provide an update to family members as soon as we have an update to share.

## **INDEPENDENT LIVING UPDATE:**

- There are no changes for residents in Independent Living.

## **VACCINATION:**

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death. Mather strongly encourages employees and residents to be vaccinated as it is an important part in stopping the spread of COVID-19. We also strongly encourage your family members to be vaccinated when the vaccine becomes available to them.

It is important to note, we are still learning how effective the vaccines are against the variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Practicing strong infection control measures continues to be important.

- **Practice physical distancing** (no closer than 6 feet away for no more than 15 minutes).
- Regularly **use good hand hygiene** by washing your hands frequently for 20 or more seconds.
- **Wear a mask** that covers your mouth and nose when you are outside of your apartment home.

Sincerely,

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