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Dear Employees of The Mather,

As you know, cases of COVID-19 are surging in our state. Because of this trend, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently issued revised guidelines, which we are adapting immediately for our community.

All employees at The Mather will continue to wear face masks at all times, for everyone's safety.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE LIFE CENTRE:

The major change is that **all residents, visitors, and other persons in The Mather Life Centre, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a face mask that covers their nose and mouth.** Exceptions are for residents when in their home or when eating or drinking in a restaurant. If an employee enters their room, the resident must put on a mask.

Other guidelines for residents of the Life Centre include

- Programs are still available, with the following restrictions: regardless of vaccination status, **residents should wear a face mask and remain physically distant** (at least six feet) from each other **during indoor or outdoor worship services, or programs that involve singing, chanting, or group recitation.**
- Residents who leave the Life Centre for an appointment or day visit will be closely monitored for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days following the excursion.
- **Residents who leave the Life Centre overnight and new admissions to the Life Centre will quarantine for 14 days,** regardless of their vaccination status.

Visitors to the Life Centre, in addition to wearing a face mask, should remain physically distant from others (at least six feet away) including staff, other residents, and other visitors, both inside and outside of the Life Centre, regardless of their vaccination status.

Staff in the Life Centre must remain physically distanced (at least six feet away) from residents when possible.

GUIDELINES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING:

We'll remind you that **we are requiring everyone, including residents, to wear a face mask when in the amenity spaces of the community.**



Residents are required to wear face masks when participating in all indoor or outdoor programs, including fitness programs and worship services.

In the event of a known exposure, symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have tested positive for COVID-19, **please stay home**. If you experience any symptoms, including a loss of taste or smell, cough, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, shortness of breath, pink eye, eye pain, vertigo, and gastrointestinal issues such as diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting, please immediately reach out to your physician and notify your manager or your Human Resources representative.

The health and well-being of residents and employees continue to be our top priority, and thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe. We're all in this together!

Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Deann Daniel
Executive Director