

COVID-19 UPDATE

September 28, 2021

Dear Employees of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we learned yesterday, September 27, 2021, that **an independent contract worker in the 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.

Because of this case, we will implement some new guidelines for The Mather Life Centre, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Please note that there are **no changes in Independent Living at this time**.

TEMPORARY GUIDELINES FOR THE LIFE CENTRE:

All indoor and outdoor visits are suspended until we have no new COVID-19 cases over a period of 14 days.

We will also pause communal dining and group gatherings until Life Centre residents and employees have been tested for COVID-19. If no additional positive cases are found, we will resume these activities in Assisted Living and Memory Care. We will provide an update when new information is available.

BOOSTER SHOT CLINICS:

Mather is currently working with our designated pharmacy about hosting booster vaccination clinics. We do not have a confirmed date at this time. **Plan to get your COVID-19 booster vaccine when it becomes available to you.** In the meantime, please be assured that we will continue to take necessary precautions to protect those who live and work at The Mather.

PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL:

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.

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

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