

COVID-19 UPDATE

January 1, 2022

Dear Employees of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we have learned that **four employees in Independent Living, two employees in the Life Centre, and an independent contractor have tested positive for COVID-19.** We wish these individuals a speedy recovery.

The Mather is interviewing each of these individuals 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.

MONITOR FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

With COVID-19 symptoms surging in our area, it's important to monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19, which include 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.

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have tested positive, please do not come to work. Please notify HR immediately.

SIGN UP FOR BOOSTER CLINIC – TUESDAY, JANUARY 11:

- The booster clinic will be held on-site at The Mather on Tuesday, January 11. Consent forms should be given to HR.

BOOSTERS ARE REQUIRED BY JANUARY 17:

Mather will require all team members, including new hires, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination and booster by January 17, 2022, unless a reasonable accommodation and exemption from the policy is approved.

- Note that the CDC allows people to “mix and match” their booster; you can get any available shot regardless of which vaccine you originally received.

If you have already received your booster – please provide a copy of your vaccination card to Human Resources.

LIFE CENTRE UPDATES:

Due to the positive employee cases in the Life Centre, we have implemented outbreak protocols, which include testing of all Life Centre residents and employees twice a week until there are no more positive cases for 14 days. During this time, residents may have visitors in their suites and masks must be worn at all times.

STEPS FOR STAYING SAFE:

Please help keep the virus out of our community with these steps:

1. If you have cold like symptoms, **STAY HOME**, and contact your physician.

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2. Practice **good hand hygiene** by washing your hands frequently for 20 or more seconds, or using hand sanitizer.
3. Practice **physical distancing** with others (no closer than 6 feet away for no more than 15 minutes).
4. **Wear a good-quality face mask** that covers your mouth and nose any time you are indoors in public. A surgical mask is recommended over cloth masks.
5. **Avoid large gatherings.** Please keep in mind that parties and gatherings are opportunities to contract and spread the COVID-19 virus.

Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Deann Daniel
Executive Director