

COVID-19 UPDATE

January 10, 2022

Dear Residents of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we have learned that **one resident in Independent Living and four employees who work in Independent Living and one employee in the Life Centre have tested positive for COVID-19. Note that this is our first time reporting these cases; these have not been reported in a previous letter.** 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.

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the **Omicron variant of COVID-19 appears to be much more contagious than the Delta variant**, and even vaccinated people can spread it. If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or **if you have symptoms—even mild, cold-like symptoms—please stay home.**

If you test positive for COVID-19, contact your physician and let the Concierge know.

CLOTH MASKS DON'T CUT IT:

The CDC recommends wearing a close-fitting, high-quality face mask rather than a cloth mask to prevent risk of COVID-19. **We recommend that everyone, including visitors, wear a surgical face mask inside The Mather.**

We encourage visitors to wear a mask during their visit, even inside residents' apartment homes.

ON-SITE TESTING CLINIC FRIDAY:

Residents can sign up for an on-site COVID-19 testing clinic this Friday. The clinic, hosted by Northshore Clinical Labs, will take place Friday, January 14 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in Possibilities 1.

- Please sign up at the front desk if you would like to be tested. You will need to pick up and complete a requisition form, which **must be completed ahead of time.**
- Tests being given will take 24 to 48 hours for results.
- **If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, do not attend the testing clinic. Please reach out to your physician.**

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INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES:

Please be assured that we continue to follow our protocols and practices regarding infection prevention in The Mather, including health screening of visitors; enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection in high-touch areas and amenity spaces; and use of air purifiers in gathering areas.

Other precautions we are taking during this surge include

- Limiting visitors to apartment homes only; amenity areas including restaurants are for resident use only during January.
- Requesting that all visitors wear masks inside the community, including resident apartment homes.
- Moving most programs to virtual rather than in person.
- Spreading out meal service hours to provide more space between residents who are dining. Currently, our restaurants are closed for dinner service.
- Reinforcing with employees that they should not come to work with symptoms of illness. We're following CDC and local health department guidelines for employees returning to work after they've had COVID-19.

Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

PS: Please note that this letter is being shared with all residents' current emergency contacts.



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