## COVID-19 UPDATE

March 30, 2022

Dear Residents of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we have learned that **two Independent Living residents have tested positive for COVID-19.** We wish these individuals a speedy recovery.

The Mather is interviewing the individuals 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.

#### FEEL ILL? PLEASE STAY HOME:

Even if you are experiencing mild symptoms, like a cold or seasonal allergies, please err on the side of caution by

- staying in your home to avoid spreading a virus
- taking a COVID-19 test. Please contact your personal physician if you have questions about at-home tests versus PCR testing.

COVID-19 can present similar symptoms to a cold, flu, or even allergies. See these websites for more information:

- COVID-19, cold, allergies and the flu: What are the differences? Mayo Clinic
- Is It Flu, COVID-19, Allergies, or a Cold? | NIH News in Health
- <u>Distinguishing the Difference COVID-19 Allergies Flu</u>

Please protect yourself by wearing a good-quality face mask that covers your mouth and nose any time you are indoors in public.

#### LIFE CENTRE UPDATE:

Out of an abundance of caution, please delay unnecessary visits to the Life Centre for the next week to 10 days.

### **A SECOND BOOSTER SHOT:**

Today, the CDC expanded eligibility for a second COVID-19 booster to people aged 50 and better. Residents who received their first booster at least four months ago are now eligible.

Right now, we recommend that you check with your personal physician about getting an additional booster. The Mather has contacted a pharmacy about possibly holding an on-site clinic, and we'll share updates when we know more. However, there is no need to wait for a clinic if you are interested in getting a booster sooner.



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Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

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



