

# COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Employees of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we have learned that **one employee who works in Independent Living and one Independent Living resident 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.

## **FREE COVID-19 TEST KITS AVAILABLE:**

**We have obtained home-based COVID-19 tests kits at no charge from the Illinois Department of Public Health and are making one kit available to each interested resident or employee.** (Each kit contains two tests.) Mather did not purchase these kits and does not endorse one brand of kit over others. It is completely voluntary for interested individuals to accept a kit.

Note that if you receive a positive test result at home, OR if your result is negative but you have COVID-19 symptoms, then you should stay home (please do not come to work!) and contact your healthcare provider. A follow-up test may be required before you return to work.

**To get your free home-based test kit, please see your HR representative.**

## **STEPS YOU CAN TAKE:**

As we continue to live with COVID-19, we know how to reduce risk of infection:

1. Get your second booster shot, if and when you are eligible
2. Stay home when you feel ill.
3. Wear a mask when indoors in public space.
4. If you think you have COVID-19 or were exposed to COVID-19, get tested.

With Mother's Day coming up, consider taking steps to keep family gatherings safe. You can ask everyone planning to attend to take a home-based COVID-19 test 24 hours in advance. If anyone had recently been sick—even with a negative test result—please reconsider your plans. And if weather permits, consider moving your gathering outdoors.

Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

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