

COVID-19 UPDATE

April 27, 2022

Dear Residents 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 in your home and contact your healthcare provider. Your provider may recommend a follow-up test.

To get your free home-based test kit, please see me or the Wellness Resource Nurse.

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.
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,

Deann Daniel, Executive Director

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

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