

COVID-19 UPDATE

May 13, 2022

Dear Employees of The Mather,

We wanted to inform you that we have learned that **an employee who works in Independent Living has tested positive for COVID-19**. We wish this individual a speedy recovery.

The Mather is interviewing the individual 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 still have home-based COVID-19 tests kits 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.

CASES ARE ON THE RISE:

Cases of COVID-19 are increasing in our area. However, as we continue to live with COVID-19, we know how to reduce risk of infection. Please take the following steps:

1. **Get your second booster shot**, if and when you are eligible.
2. Please protect yourself by **wearing a good-quality face mask that covers your mouth and nose any time you are indoors in public.**
3. **Practice good hand hygiene** by washing hands frequently for 20 or more seconds.
4. If you think you have COVID-19 or were exposed to COVID-19, **get tested.**

Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Deann Daniel
Executive Director