

COVID-19 UPDATE

July 13, 2022

Dear Employees of The Mather,

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

FACE MASKS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

The current variant of COVID-19 is BA-5, which is highly transmissible. Vaccines are not effective at blocking this variant, making even those who are fully vaccinated vulnerable to infection and re-infection.

A good-quality face mask is the most effective way to avoid infection.

- **Reminder: everyone is required to wear a mask in all hallways, elevators, and amenity areas of The Mather.**
- **We also strongly recommend that you wear a mask everywhere you are indoors around others.**

PICK UP A FREE COVID-19 TEST KIT:

We still have COVID-19 home-based COVID-19 tests kits available to anyone who is interested—just ask your HR representative for a free kit. 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 and contact your health care provider. Your provider may recommend a follow-up test.

REMINDER: EMPLOYEES AGE 50 AND BETTER MUST GET 2ND BOOSTER:

This is a reminder for all team members age 50 and better: You must share proof of receiving your second COVID-19 booster with HR by August 1. This is mandatory, per Mather's COVID-19 vaccination policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your HR representative.

Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

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