

COVID-19 UPDATE

September 14, 2022

Dear Employees of The Mather,

As you may know, we have recently experienced several positive cases of COVID-19 at The Mather. **We had 2 additional COVID-19 cases today for a total of 8 cases since September 9.**

The Evanston Health Department (EHD) has determined that these cases are “epidemiologically linked” (case in which (a) the person has had contact with one or more persons who either have/had the disease or have been exposed to a source of infection). When there are 5 or more connected cases, EHD identifies this as an infectious disease outbreak. (Note: couples are counted as one case, which is why we did not meet the threshold for outbreak until today).

In keeping with our Infectious Disease Outbreak Protocol, **we are implementing the following changes throughout the community for at least tomorrow. We expect to receive additional guidance from EDH and will advise of any changes or updates.**

- We are pausing service in our restaurants.
 - We will be delivering meals to resident apartment homes free of charge.
- Programs and any congregate activities will be paused, including access to Get Fit.
- We will focus on cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces throughout our community.

Please continue with the COVID-19 infection control precautions we have been using over the last two years. We appreciate your commitment.

- Wash your hands often [When and How to Wash Your Hands | Handwashing | CDC](#).
- Wear a well-fitting face mask.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- If you feel sick or have any symptoms, please stay home and contact your supervisor.

Our primary concern is for the health and well-being of our residents and employees.

Please feel free to contact me or Maria Izokaitis in Human Resources with any questions.

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Nina Kuzniak
Director of Repriorment