

COVID-19 UPDATE

February 2, 2021

Dear Employees of Mather Place,

We received notice yesterday, February 1, 2021, that **a private caregiver of Mather Place in Wilmette has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19**. We wish them a full recovery. The home care agency has interviewed this individual to determine if he/she was 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.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

Getting the vaccine is the ultimate way to reduce risk for yourself and others. We must all continue to work together and remain vigilant on practicing the infection control measures that are effective in minimizing the spread of this virus. The health and well-being of residents and employees continues to be our top priority.

We wanted to share a recent statement from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC): “**COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Vaccination is the safest way to protect yourself from COVID-19 illness.** Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines, and these vaccines have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in US history.”

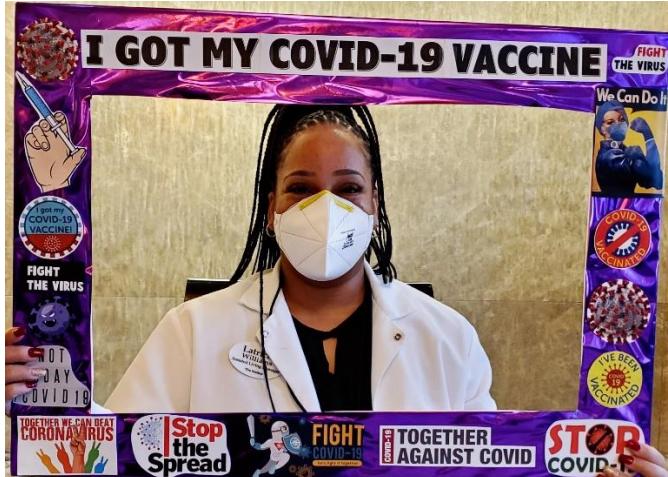
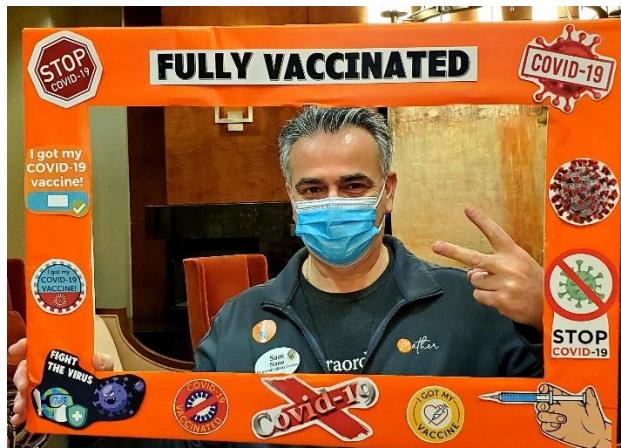
If you have questions about the vaccine, we encourage you to do some research—including speaking with your primary care physician. It is important to get information from reliable sources such as the CDC.

We also encourage you to listen to the first 10 minutes of an informational session full of commonly asked questions and answers:

- Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 Updates and Q&As: [Cisco Webex Meetings - Replay Recorded Meeting](#)

We also wanted to share some great news at The Mather, our Life Plan Community in Evanston. **An overwhelming majority** of employees there, along with nearly all residents, have received the vaccine. Below are some photos from the second vaccination clinic.

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Our first COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Mather Place is scheduled for Monday, February 15. Please reach out with questions.

Take care and be well.

Sincerely,

Katrina O'Neill,
Executive Director