

# COVID-19 UPDATE

May 12, 2021

Dear Residents and Family Members,

We received notice today, May 12, 2021, that a **private caregiver of Mather Place in Wilmette tested positive for COVID-19**. We wish them a full recovery. This individual was interviewed 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.

## POLICY UPDATE

We wanted to let you know of an important step that Mather is taking to safeguard the health of residents, team members visitors, and the community at large: Our organization has implemented a **new policy that requires all employees, including new hires, to receive COVID-19 vaccination(s)**, unless a reasonable accommodation and exemption from the policy is approved.

The vast majority of our employees are already vaccinated, and those who are not now have until Monday, June 14, 2021, to get one or both doses of a vaccine. We have steps in place to work with unvaccinated employees to help them secure vaccines.

This policy is intended to comply with all applicable laws and is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and state and local health authorities. It is designed to protect all of us, and it is our sincere hope that every employee will choose to get vaccinated.

## VACCINATION OPPORTUNITY: THURSDAY, MAY 27

There is an upcoming opportunity for family members or caregivers who would like to be vaccinated at The Mather in Evanston. If you are interested, please contact Gretchen Boscarino at [gboscarino@mather.com](mailto:gboscarino@mather.com) to obtain a VAR form. **The deadline to sign up is Monday, May 17.**

## NEW UPDATES

Due to changing metrics in our area, we're able to implement some changes and provide more opportunities to enjoy the spring weather:

- **We are increasing capacity for Alonzo's for residents.** Reservations are required. Please call (847) 256.9576.
- The library, pool, and locker rooms are fully reopened and the number of residents who can attend in-person programs is increasing.
- Enjoy the interior courtyard with other residents without wearing a mask. Visitors may visit with residents on Burnham's Patio and masks are required when visiting.

Take care and be well.

Sincerely,  
Katrina O'Neill, Executive Director

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

