

# COVID-19 UPDATE

January 12, 2021

Dear Residents and Family Members,

We received notice yesterday, January 11, 2021, that **an employee of Mather Place in Wilmette has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19**. This individual is taking guidance from their physician and we wish them a full recovery. Mather Place is interviewing 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.

## **VACCINE DATES FOR RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Great news! **Mather Place has finalized clinic dates with Walgreens to provide COVID-19 vaccines to all residents, caregivers, and employees.** Please read this information carefully as there are action items you need to take in order to secure your vaccination.

## **CLINIC DATES: YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH DATES**

Mather Place will be receiving the Pfizer vaccine, which is a two-step vaccination. **You must be available for BOTH Clinic 1 and 2 dates. Please plan accordingly.**

**Clinic 1: Monday, February 15, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

**Clinic 2: Monday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

## **HOW TO REGISTER: COMPLETE BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

To be eligible for the vaccine, you **MUST** register by completing the Vaccine Administration Record (VAR) and returning it the Concierge no later than Tuesday, January 19. Residents will receive hard copies of this letter, the VAR form, a Guide to Filling out the VAR, and a Fact Sheet on the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccination. Extra copies will be available at the Concierge.

**Please only complete the highlighted section of the VAR and DO NOT date the document.** You do not need to do anything on page 2, since we have already collected insurance information and will attach copies to your VAR form.

Once you have returned your VAR, **you will be assigned a time for your vaccine. This assigned appointment time for your vaccine cannot be changed. Vaccine clinic dates and times are controlled by Walgreens. We will be contacting you separately with your appointment time the first week of February.**

We thank you for your patience as we work to vaccinate hundreds of individuals. *Please note: we will keep your private information secure and it will be shared with only those that need to know.*

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q: If I don't register, can I get the vaccine?**

A: No, Walgreens will only bring enough vaccine for those who register in advance.

**Q: Can my caregiver get vaccinated?**

A: Yes, your caregiver can also be vaccinated, but they must also register by completing and returning a VAR.

**Q: Is the vaccine mandatory?**

A: No, However Mather Place, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly encourage individuals to receive the vaccine to stop the spread of COVID-19.

**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. Social media is full of misinformation and opinions based on that misinformation. For an overview of the vaccine's safety, side effects, and more, we recommend a short presentation created by the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, found here: [mather.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/AMDA\\_COVID19\\_VACCINE\\_FACTS.pdf](http://mather.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/AMDA_COVID19_VACCINE_FACTS.pdf).

Other good resources for information on the vaccines include:

- CDC: [cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/covid-conversations/answering-questions.html](https://cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/covid-conversations/answering-questions.html)
- CDC: About COVID-19 vaccines: [cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/index.html](https://cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/index.html)
- CDC: Provider Resources for COVID-19 Vaccine Conversations with Patients and Answering Patients' Questions: [cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/covid-conversations/](https://cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/covid-conversations/)

**If you have immediate questions on how to complete the Vaccine Administration Record (VAR), please reach out to Katrina, Liseth, or Gretchen by phone or email.**

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**The deadline to register for receiving the vaccination is Tuesday, January 19. This is an exciting step in stopping the spread of COVID-19.**

Sincerely,

Katrina O'Neill, Executive Director

*PS: This letter is being shared with all residents' current emergency contacts.*