

COVID-19 UPDATE

January 11, 2022

Dear Residents and Family Members,

Please note that we received notice today that **a resident of Mather Place in Wilmette has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19.** 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.

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the **Omicron variant of COVID-19 appears to be much more contagious than the Delta variant**, and even vaccinated people can spread it. If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or **if you have symptoms—even mild, cold-like symptoms—please stay home.**

If you test positive for COVID-19, contact your physician and let the Concierge know.

CLOTH MASKS DON'T CUT IT:

The CDC recommends wearing a close-fitting, high-quality face mask rather than a cloth mask to prevent risk of COVID-19. **We recommend that everyone, including visitors, wear a surgical face mask inside Mather Place, including while in residents' apartment homes.**

INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES:

Please be assured that we continue to follow our protocols and practices regarding infection prevention in Mather Place, including health screening of visitors; enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection in high-touch areas and amenity spaces; and use of air purifiers in gathering areas.

Other precautions we are taking during this surge include

- Limiting visitors to apartment homes only; amenity areas including restaurants are for resident use only during January.
- Requesting that all visitors wear masks inside the community, including resident apartment homes.
- Moving most programs to virtual rather than in person.
- Spreading out meal service hours to provide more space between residents who are dining.

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- Reinforcing with employees that they should not come to work with symptoms of illness. We're following CDC and local health department guidelines for employees returning to work after they've had COVID-19.

Please take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

Katrina O'Neill
Executive Director

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