

COVID-19 UPDATE

May 12, 2022

Dear Residents and Family Members,

We wanted to inform you that we have learned that **an employee has tested positive for COVID-19**. We wish this individual a speedy recovery.

Mather Place is interviewing the individual to determine if they were 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.

WE CONTINUE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS:

We realize the news of recent COVID-19 cases in our community may cause some uneasiness. We assure you that we are following infection prevention steps, including

- Our housekeeping staff continues to clean and sanitize amenity spaces and high-touch areas.
- The *majority* of residents and staff here are fully vaccinated and received all available boosters. Most recently, on April 28, we hosted a clinic for the second booster.
- We have reported all cases to the Cook County Department of Health and have not received additional instructions.
- Ongoing trainings have been performed with Mather Place staff on infection prevention measures. We'll be holding a short workshop for residents on handwashing and best use of face masks for anyone who would like to attend.
- Residents are asked to wear a mask when building services or housekeeping team members are inside their apartment homes.
- As the weather is warming up, we'll move some of our fitness classes and programs outdoors. Also, many of our programs are viewable on Channel 1901 if you feel more comfortable with remote programming.
- Visitors are welcome. We ask each person to continue to use the iLobby screening station and to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while visiting residents.

UPDATE ON RESTAURANTS:

We will be offering breakfast in Patent's Place until noon, as well as offering outdoor dining for breakfast (weather permitting).

This is a friendly reminder that reservations in Alonzo's begin at 4:30 p.m. with the last reservation at 6:30 p.m. Please be flexible with your reservation time.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO:

We have all been living with COVID-19 for a long time now. The good news is that we have a solid understanding of what it takes to reduce our risk of infection:

1. Get your second booster shot.
2. Stay home when you feel ill, even with mild, cold-like symptoms.
3. Wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth when indoors in public space.
4. If you think you have COVID-19 or were exposed to COVID-19, get tested.
5. Regularly **use good hand hygiene** by washing your hands frequently for 20 or more seconds.

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.