

SENIOR LIVING



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A peek inside Mather Place during COVID-19.

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Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, many senior living residences have done an excellent job of protecting residents from the virus, while meeting daily needs from meal delivery to opportunities for virtual exercise and entertainment. Residents of Mather Place in Wilmette have certainly found that to be true, having spent the better part of the year staying engaged, safe, fit, and connected with others in their community despite the coronavirus pandemic, due to the quick actions of employees.

When the pandemic hit the US, Mather Place—a boutique independent rental community—pivoted to provide personal delivery of meals, mail, and packages, and staff created an on-site market for essential purchases.

Mather Place resident Joy Dordick says, “I moved in just before the pandemic. My experience here has been very good. My children and I are so appreciative of the support and care since I first walked through the front door ... I’m so very lucky to have made the choice to come here.”

In addition to meeting residents’ everyday needs, Mather Place also provides information, education, and entertainment programming directly to residents via computer and even hard-copy handouts.

“Our community took action early on in the pandemic,” says Katrina O’Neill, Executive Director at Mather Place. “And, as always, we’ve remained focused on the well-being of residents and employees.” In a survey conducted during the pandemic, Mather Place has earned very high scores from residents who



Current resident
Joy Dordick

say Mather has taken all steps needed to keep the community clean and sanitized, and that they believed their health and safety are the top priority for Mather Place.

Now, more than ever, Mather Place is taking care of the “little things,” with an enhanced level of concierge-type services, and customizing activities and engagement to maximize well-being, so that residents can focus on the good life—even during challenging times.

Mather Place has one- and two-bedroom modern apartment homes surrounded by an array of amenities including an indoor pool, art studio, fitness center, and two restaurants. Residents enjoy independent living with access to convenient on-site care choices if ever needed. The Wellness Resource Center is available for routine medical screenings, such as blood pressure readings. And à la carte home care services are available, if ever needed, through Custom Home Care, which provides services ranging from medication reminders to escort services, and more.

Resident Calvin Saravis sums it up best, saying, “If I were still living in my house in Glencoe during the pandemic, it would be difficult—no, really, maybe even impossible—to do, to shelter-in-place alone without going out. Here, everything we need is being provided by the staff already.”

To view floor plans, download a brochure, or learn more, visit matherplacewelmette.com. Their team is offering in-person appointments using appropriate safety measures, as well as virtual appointments. To talk with a team member, and to learn about move-in offers for those who act before December 31, please call 847-999-4596.