



December 13, 2021

To Our Green Chimneys Families,

We have received notification that an individual at our Brewster campus has tested positive for COVID-19; the individual was last on campus Thursday, December 9th. New York State Department of Health guidelines require tracing when an infected individual has had close contact with others inside of 48 hours prior to their symptoms or a positive test. This particular case did not require contact tracing but we are notifying all staff and families in accordance with our own tracking protocol and policy to provide up to date information.

Please note that COVID-19 is present in our region, and cases are rising with the increase in indoor activities and holiday gatherings. **It is possible to contract COVID, regardless of vaccination status.**

Green Chimneys is coordinating with the Putnam County Department of Health and closely monitoring the situation with all individuals on campus. We continue to follow all safety guidelines and do not expect to suspend in-person instruction at this time.

Parents should continue to monitor their child each day for symptoms of COVID-19, which could include fever, loss of taste or smell, headache, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, body aches and/or nausea.

If your child develops any symptoms, contact your child's health care provider as soon as possible. **If your child tests positive for COVID-19**, please call the Green Chimneys Health Center at 845.279.2995 ext. 253.

Maintaining best practices for safe social distancing, properly wearing a mask, diligent hand washing and sanitizing are our best defense against exposure. Please stay vigilant in following and enforcing best practices. For information about Green Chimneys' procedures, please see our School Reopening Plan page at www.greenchimneys.org/therapeutic-special-education/parentsamilies/announcements/school-reopening-plan

We will send any updates or additional information as needed. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 845.279.2995 ext. 100.

Thank you and stay well,

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