

August 24, 2021

Dear Parents,

As we all know, COVID-19 positive cases and hospitalizations are on the rise as we head into the start of our 2021-22 school year. The Delta variant is proving to be highly contagious and infecting not only more adults, but children as well. Unfortunately, Green Chimneys is experiencing an increase in positive cases and we are reinstating some health precautions on our campuses.

To protect the safety of our children and our staff, we are asking all families to keep their children at home until Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Please read the following information carefully:

- **All Green Chimneys transportation planned for August 31<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled. Transportation will resume on Wednesday, September 8.**
- **All medications will be sent via overnight FedEx and will be delivered by Tuesday, August 31, 2021.**
- **Students will be participating in remote learning Wednesday, September 1 through Friday, September 3. Families will receive their child's schedules in advance of September 1.**
- **Students who need a Chromebook/iPad for remote learning should email Jerry Newell [jnewel@greenchimneys.org](mailto:jnewel@greenchimneys.org) by Friday, August 27.**
- **Regardless of vaccination status, we ask that if your child has any symptoms, even mild symptoms, that you keep them home. Green Chimneys' Health Center will be testing any resident that exhibits any symptoms upon return and any child who tests positive will be sent home.**
- **Please confirm your child's plans for return, and any challenges you anticipate, with their therapist as soon as possible, and by 9AM, Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the latest.**

As always, 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.

We know this is a difficult time for everyone. Thank you for working with us to maintain the safety and health of your child, and all of the children and staff of the Green Chimneys community.

Sincerely,



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