



December 29, 2021

To Our Green Chimneys Families,

We have received notification that nine individuals at our Brewster campus have tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals were last on campus on dates ranging from Saturday, December 18th through today, Wednesday, December 29th. All staff and families of students who had close contact have been notified and are following appropriate health protocols.

We realize that the number of campus cases being reported is concerning. It is, in fact, reflective of conditions in our region, and across the country; COVID-19 is present and on the rise in our immediate community.

Green Chimneys continues to coordinate with the Putnam County Department of Health, following all safety guidelines and closely monitoring the situation with all individuals on campus. **The mask policy at Green Chimneys requires all employees, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face mask indoors** when on campus, and under all circumstances when interacting with a student.

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 distancing, wearing a mask at all times while indoors, 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/parentsfamilies/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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Placke".

Ed Placke, Ed.D.
Executive Director