

January 12, 2022

INFORMATION UPDATE

To Our Green Chimneys Families,

As you are aware, guidance from New York State and our local health authorities has been changing rapidly. We are reissuing the notice sent earlier today to include new information for students in congregate care settings. Please refer to this letter for the most current details and protocols.

Green Chimneys has been working hard to ensure that we have adequate staffing and maintain appropriate health and safety protocols to keep our students and staff safe. We are ready and prepared to welcome all students and staff back for in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 18th.

Safety Reminders:

- Please keep your child home if they have any COVID-like symptoms
- Students that exhibit COVID symptoms must have a negative test to return to school
- If you are having trouble locating testing in the community, Green Chimneys may provide testing on site
- Students or Residents that test positive, must be picked up from school to complete the mandatory quarantine period at home
- Masks are required for all students, regardless of vaccination status, anytime they are in a school building
- If your child is symptomatic, has tested positive, or was exposed to a positive individual, please contact the Health Center at extension 253 OR
Brewster Campus School Nurse Fran at sanurse@greenchimneys.org or
Clearpool Campus Nurse Nadine at njean@greenchimneys.org

Additionally, Putnam County Department of Health has issued guidance allowing individuals to reduce their isolation period from 10 to 5 days after exposure or a positive test. At this time, this change will apply only to staff.

In consultation with one of our nurses, an asymptomatic student who can wear a well-fitting mask at all times may be permitted back to school after 5 days. This decision will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the history of symptoms, amount of exposure, and community positivity rates.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support as we continue to do all we can to support our students.

Be Positive & Test Negative,

The Green Chimneys Team