



October 21, 2020

To Our Green Chimneys Families,

Late Tuesday evening, we were notified that an individual in our Brewster campus school tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was sent home on Friday, October 16th and has not returned to campus. In addition, the students and staff who were in close contact with the individual within the classroom have been isolating since Monday.

**Staff and families of students who are believed to have been in contact with this student have been notified. Green Chimneys will be testing and isolating all individuals who may have had exposure. If you have not been notified, it is because it has been determined you are not at risk.**

We are coordinating with the Putnam County Department of Health and are closely monitoring the situation with all individuals on campus. We continue to follow all safety guidelines and have determined, along with the Department of Health that we do not need 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/parents-families/announcements/school-reopening-plan](http://www.greenchimneys.org/therapeutic-special-education/parents-families/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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