



May 22, 2020

Dear Green Chimneys Families,

We hope this message finds you well during this stressful time. Hard to believe another month has passed and it is time to deliver another month's supply of your child's medication. With news of the school closure going through the summer, we are actively planning for a gradual return of our residential students. We are not yet sure what that will look like, so want to be sure you are covered for this month at least.

Some questions have come up from families with residents currently on the campus regarding Health Center changes. Our Health Center is currently operating from the hours of 6:00 am to 8:00 pm every day. Nursing staff are on-call, and are brought in should any youth need to stay overnight in the Health Center. Dorm staff are provided with a travel medical bag and trained to implement the use of its contents, including first aid supplies, over the counter medicine (i.e. Motrin, ibuprofen, Benadryl), and EpiPens and inhalers, for those who are prescribed.

For medication distribution, we will again have 6 locations from which you can pick up. For those who have been utilizing Green Chimneys' transportation, you will see that 3 of the locations are our usual pick-up/drop-off spots. We have added additional stops in Westchester and Dutchess counties. **Medication pick up will be available on Thursday, May 28th** at the following locations and times. Please note the pick-up procedure below that.

1. **LIE Exit 41 South-Hicksville/Jericho (12:00 pm):** Make right at ramp – H Mart Parking Lot at 336 N. Broadway, Jericho, NY (the right before the AT & T store to the right).
2. **Yonkers (1:45 pm):** Cross County Shopping Center (Macy's parking lot)
3. **Middletown (11:30 am):** Crystal Run Park and Ride, Rt 84 West to Exit 19A to Exit 122 off Route 17/86
4. **New Paltz (1:00 pm):** Off Exit 18 of the NYS Thruway (87), at the toll gate there is a park and ride: address is 424 in St., New Paltz, NY 12561
5. **Poughkeepsie (2:15 pm):** Galleria Mall (Macy's Parking Lot)
6. **Green Chimneys campus (any time between 6am-8pm):** Please call the Health Center to let them know what time to expect you and then again when you arrive. Pull your car into an empty spot outside the Health Center and wait for staff to bring your medication to you. Follow the same procedure as below.

A white Ford transit van will arrive at each stop, and plan to stay for 15 minutes, or however long it takes to distribute the medication to waiting families. We ask that you pull up to our vehicle and remain in your car. If there are other vehicles waiting, simply form a line behind the last car.

Leave the passenger seat empty, if possible, and roll down the window. A Green Chimneys staff member will drop the medication bag in your front passenger seat. If you need to reach the Green Chimneys staff, they will have agency cell phones and can be reached at these numbers:

LI /Yonkers (845) 519-8168

Middletown/New Paltz/Poughkeepsie (845) 490-0399

Please let your child's therapist know which arrangement will work best for you, and if you are unable to get to one of these locations for any reason, as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and collaboration as we figure out the best way to support you from afar.

Sincerely,

Leeanne DiRusso
Director of Nursing

Kristin Licardi
Director of Social Services

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