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## UPDATE TO PARENTS 5/29/20

Dear Families, Staff and Students,

As we come to the end of May, we reach completion of 11 weeks of remote instruction. This week, some of our residential students and staff who work on our Brewster Campus came back with positive COVID-19 tests. Our Green Chimneys family wishes them speedy recoveries and they are all in our thoughts during this difficult time.

I appreciate and thank the staff who continue to work on campus to support the essential functions of Green Chimneys and continue the mission of our program, as well as those who are working remotely. Green Chimneys shared updated protocols to minimize the spread of the virus in an email to staff and families earlier this week. All staff are following Green Chimneys' safety protocol regarding cases and testing, which are based upon Department of Health guidelines. You can find our complete procedures in the Virus Health Procedure FAQ under [COVID-19 Information for School Families](#).

Our school leadership team has started planning for the celebration of our 8th grade students who are moving up to high school and our 12th grade graduating students, based on guidance from local and state government. If you have thoughts or ideas about these events, please send me an email. The 8th grade event will be on June 24th and the 12th grade event will be on June 25th. Once we fine-tune details for each event, we will share them with the families of those students involved.

The video message I recorded today for the newsletter is focused on empathy, which is something that is consistently relevant, but even more so today. You will also find information from our clinical team, some activities you can do at home, our shelter dog update, as well as shout outs.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Jerry Newell  
Green Chimneys School Principal