



January 11, 2021

To Our Green Chimneys Families,

We have received notification that in addition to the cases reported on Friday, two more staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. One of these individuals was last on Brewster campus Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The second individual is an unrelated case and was last on campus Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. All those who had close contact have been notified and are now quarantining.

We have also been notified that two students tested positive over the holiday break and will not return to campus until they finish their isolation period and are free of symptoms.

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/parentsfamilies/announcements/school-reopening-plan](http://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 that reads "Ed Placke".

Ed Placke, Ed.D.  
Executive Director