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To Our Green Chimneys Families,

In accordance with the New York State Department of Health, New York State Education Department and Putnam County Department of Health, Green Chimneys is updating its mask requirements.

Effective Immediately: Staff and students are no longer required to wear masks when outside, regardless of vaccination status.

Our mask-wearing policy for indoors remains the same until further notice:

- Students must wear masks in classrooms, hallways, and other indoor program areas.
- If a student forgets or loses a mask, one will be provided.
- Staff must wear masks indoors when around children at all times.
- All employees must have masks within reach at all times.

We are reminding students and families to:

- Continue to practice proper hygiene and safety measures, such as distancing when possible.
- Remain home when you don't feel well.
- Reduce physical contact.

Parents should continue to monitor their child each day for symptoms of COVID-19. 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 Health Center at 845.279.2995 ext. 253.

We continue to work with the Department of Health, and will inform staff and families of any changes in policy or procedure. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Steve Klee, sklee@greenchimneys.org or Leeanne DiRusso, ldirusso@greenchimneys.org.

For information about Green Chimneys' procedures, please see our School Operating Plan page at www.greenchimneys.org/therapeutic-special-education/parents/families/announcements/school-reopening-plan

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these confusing times. We sincerely appreciate your help in supporting the health and safety of the Green Chimneys community. We will send additional updates and information as needed.

Stay well,

Ed Placke, Ed.D.
Executive Director