

July 13, 2020

Updated Residential Summer Visitation Plan

Dear Green Chimneys Families,

As we adjust to our newly open in-person learning, we have made a few adjustments to our summer visitation plan for residential students. Our home visits remaining for the summer are the extended weekend at the end of July and the August Recess breaks. After much feedback from families about the Monday return for the extended weekend, we have shortened the extended weekend visit to return on Sunday. The visit will now be 7/23-26. Please note that there IS school on both Thursday (7/23) and Friday (7/24). If your child is home on Friday, they may sign onto Google Classroom for assignments for the day and will not be participating in live instruction. If you have already made plans and will still need to return on Monday, we will accommodate that, just let your child's therapist know. In addition, we have designated several options for the August break, and hope that one, or some, of them will make sense for your family. We ask that all returns happen on designated dates between the hours of 2-5pm. The return dates and times are incredibly important to adhere to in order to effectively carry out our protocol for screening and staffing. We ask for your continued cooperation in keeping to the return dates and times.

For now, we will continue to test residents upon returns from these visits since living together presents more of a risk than being in a classroom together. Residents are sharing common living space, bathrooms, showers, laundry, etc. The exposure is 24/7 as opposed to a few hours a day. Anywhere there is communal living, the population is considered higher risk for any transmittable virus. Coming and going from home each week would be more than we can safely manage right now. Once we get the summer under our belt and work out the kinks, as well as get more guidance from the Department of Health, we plan to phase out the frequent testing for residents and gradually increase the home visitation until we are back to every weekend.

You will find all revised home and on-campus visit dates on the attached calendar. Light blue is home and lavender is on-campus. For the August Recess, you can opt to take your child home for the full break or part of the break. In the footer of the calendar, you will find the various options for the Recess. Again, we ask that you choose from the available options in order for us to safely manage the coming and going of the residents. All home visits will continue to be planned with your child's therapist.

On-campus visits will need to be scheduled with us, <u>at least 48 hours in advance for the</u> <u>Wednesday/Thursday visits and 1 week in advance of the weekend visits</u>, and visit slots confirmed on a first-come-first served basis. We have added more slots each visit time frame, and still need to be sure we don't exceed capacity on any given visit day. Each family can schedule in advance for one weekend day in each month (July & August) and then an additional weekday visit. **On Mondays prior to the week's visits, we will send an email to let you know if additional visits slots are available and those will be confirmed on a first-come-firstserved basis.** On-Campus visit guidelines remain the same as those in place now and are attached again here for your reference. Please contact Marina Ineson, Administrative Assistant to schedule your on-campus visits, at <u>mineson@greenchimneys.org</u>. She will confirm all visits. If you do not have email, please contact your child's therapist.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we adjust to changing information. We hope you and your family remain healthy and well. As always, let us know if you have any questions or feedback.

Best, - LCSW

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