



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff
FROM: Health & Safety Committee
RE: Quarantine Policy Update
DATE: 1/10/22

In our ongoing coordination with the Putnam County Department of Health, we are updating Green Chimneys' COVID quarantine policy to align with the latest guidance on quarantine periods for individuals who have tested positive, or who have been exposed to a positive case.

For individuals who test positive:

- Isolate for 5 days, where day 0 is the day of symptom onset or (if asymptomatic) the day of collection of the first positive specimen resulting in a COVID positive indicator.
- If asymptomatic at the end of 5 days or if symptoms are resolving, and do not inhibit proper mask-wearing, isolation ends and the individual should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.*
- Individuals who are moderately-severely immunocompromised should continue to follow standard (i.e., not shortened) Isolation Guidance.
- Individuals who are unable to wear a well-fitting mask for 5 days (i.e., due to a runny nose or a cough) after a 5-day isolation should also follow standard (i.e., not shortened) Isolation Guidance.

If exposed to a COVID-19 positive case, quarantine as follows, where day 0 is the last date of exposure:

- If not fully vaccinated, quarantine for 5 days and wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.*
- If fully vaccinated, no quarantine is required but these individuals should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for 10 days after the last date of exposure.*
- If symptoms appear, quarantine and seek testing. In this situation, quarantine would end when the test is negative.
- If testing is not done, isolate according to the guidance above.

** Please note that the mask policy at Green Chimneys requires all employees, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face mask indoors when on campus, and under all circumstances when interacting with a student.*

The above changes go into effect on Monday, January 10th. In addition, we will allow individuals who have been on quarantine since January 5 to use these new guidelines.

Under the new policy, staff currently on quarantine or isolation may return to campus as follows:

If Quarantining due to a positive test result or exposure to a positive case, and symptom-free

Date of Exposure	Return to Campus
Wednesday, January 5	Tuesday, January 11
Thursday, January 6	Wednesday, January 12
Friday, January 7	Thursday, January 13

At this time, this change will only apply to staff. As we await further guidance for congregate care settings, students and residents must continue to adhere to the 10-day isolation period.

For detailed guidance and protocols for all occurrences of illness or exposure, please refer to the staff guidance document at www.greenchimneys.org/careers/employee-benefits/staff-resources-virus