



Friday 25th February 2022

Kia ora Koutou Team Bayview

Phase 3 Covid Update

We have had a whirlwind week and we recognise you have had a lot of emotion to deal with as the landscape changes. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for working alongside us as we have navigated some tricky situations. It is heartening that everyone has remained positive and put the safety of our taonga, our children, first and foremost.

You may be aware that the country has moved to Red phase three as of 11.59pm Thursday 24th February. This brings with it some changes to the way schools will deal with any positive covid cases and how the close contact criteria is determined. Please read the following carefully so you are aware of these changes:

1. Rapid antigen tests are now being used to diagnose Covid-19. This means that you will get an almost immediate test result back if a RAT is used.
2. If anyone in your family is confirmed as having COVID-19, you will be asked to notify your close contacts yourself. Please get in touch with us as soon as you can if your child has tested positive for COVID-19. Phone: 09 4442222 or email office@bayview.school.nz
3. Close contacts (household contacts) are now only those who live in the same house as the covid positive person. This means if a child tests positive for covid, their classmates will no longer be deemed close contacts.
4. Household contacts will need to:
 - a. self-isolate for 10 days from the day the person with COVID-19 tests positive or is notified as a probable case
 - b. get a test for COVID-19 on day 3, and on day 10 of the isolation period, or sooner if you develop symptoms.
 - c. If you test positive, you need to isolate as a positive case, as you are no longer a Household Contact
 - d. You can complete your isolation at the same time as the first person in your household who had COVID-19 if:
 - i. your day 10 test was negative
 - ii. you have no new or worsening symptoms.
5. If a child does test positive in your child's class we will let you know so you can monitor for symptoms. The most common symptoms of COVID 19 in children at the moment are a runny nose, scratchy throat, headache and sometimes a sore tummy. Your child will still be able to attend school safely.
6. Teachers will provide learning through seesaw for household contacts that are asymptomatic only.
7. We ask that you continue to do 'kiss and drop' and 'pick up' at the gate. You are able to come to the office for things that cannot be done over the phone or via email, but ask that you do not go directly to classrooms to drop things off.
8. We will continue to implement all the health and safety procedures while your child is at school.



9. If your child is sick, if they have a cough or is sneezing, even if they have tested negative to covid-19, please keep them at home. We would like to keep children safe from colds, flu, chickenpox, or any other illnesses as much as we don't want them to be infected with covid-19.
10. If your child comes to school unwell we will phone you and ask you to come and collect them.

Transmission of COVID-19 is still most likely to happen in your home – so please keep doing all those good things to keep your whānau safe. Wash your hands, get lots of fresh air, cover any coughs and sneezes, clean surfaces regularly, and seek advice if anyone is not feeling well. And please wear a mask when you are out and about. There is information online to help your family [prepare to isolate](#) if you need to.

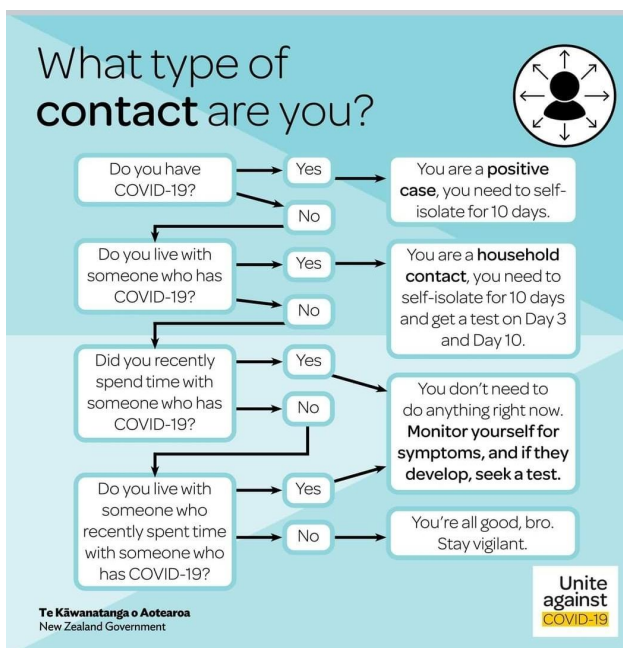
The most important advice we can give to keep your whānau safe is to act as if you have COVID-19. More than a third of people who have COVID-19 will not have any symptoms if they have had three doses of the vaccine. Please think about who you visit and what health measures you can put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Finally, we know how hard the impacts on COVID-19 have been for many of you. If you or a family you know of in our community is struggling, please encourage them to reach out for support for example to access food, medicine, or access financial support: [Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub](#).

You are doing an amazing job of keeping your children safe. If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please do get in touch. We are here to help.

Aku mihi,

Di Raynes
Principal



Updated guide to self-isolation

You will need to self-isolate from others if you:

are positive for COVID-19	live with a positive case
You must isolate at home or in suitable alternative accommodation. If you test positive for COVID-19, a health professional will help you decide if managed isolation is suitable for you.	
Isolate for 10 days from when you test positive	Isolate for 10 days
No further tests required unless directed to	Tests on Day 3 and Day 10
Financial support may be available - check our website to find out what you may be eligible for: Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/	

This information is accurate as at 24 February 2022. However, it may be updated if phases of the Omicron response change. For the most up to date information please visit our website at www.Covid19.govt.nz

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