



Rongomai School

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Kia ora Whanau,

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority.

We received confirmation on Saturday 19/2/22 that a student in Room 5 tested positive for COVID1-9.

This letter contains information about what you and your whānau need to do. Please read it carefully.

We're sending this letter as your child has been identified as a **CLOSE CONTACT**. They had contact with a positive COVID-19 case in **Rm 5** at **Rongomai School on Friday 11th February**. To support our school to ensure our response and process is consistent and manageable, we are treating **Friday 11th February** as your child's **DAY 0**. Their **DAY 1** starts on the following day - **Saturday 12th February**.

If you have questions, you can contact your child's classroom teacher *Matua Ben* via email: ben.tamarua@rongomai.school.nz

The Public Health guidance says:

YOUR CHILD MUST SELF-ISOLATE FOR 7 DAYS from the date they had contact with the case

- Get them tested on **DAY 5 - Wednesday 16th February**

Please note that their Day 5 has already passed (16/2/22) therefore, please get your child tested immediately. Keep them isolated at home until you receive a negative test for COVID 19. Your child can return to school once they receive a negative test result. Please forward the negative test result to your child's teacher before your child returns to school.

DOES MY HOUSEHOLD NEED TO ISOLATE?

Your household does not need to isolate. We have received official direction from the Auckland Regional Health Board & Ministry of Education that this no longer applies to the Auckland region.

Please note: the Covid-19 website still says that other household members of close contacts are casual contacts, and also need to isolate for 5 days, but this does not apply to the Waikato/Auckland areas.

HOW TO GET TESTED

- Find your nearest testing centre or call Healthline on **0800 358 5453**
- It's **FREE**
- Tell them you're a **CLOSE CONTACT**

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

Where you can get support

If you need support during self-isolation, call the COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337. They will connect you with someone who can help. This could be a local community organisation, a government agency, a marae-based service or support that iwi have established.

For more information go to

<https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/getting-extra-support-if-you-have-covid-19-or-are-self-isolating/>

Noho ora mai,



Paeariki Johnson

Rongomai School - Principal