



Wednesday 18th August, 2021.

Kia orana, Tolafa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi ahu, Ni sa bula, Namaste

Tēnā koutou parents and caregivers

COVID-19 is in the community again and Auckland moved to Alert Level 4 at 11.59pm Tuesday 17 August for a period of 7 days.

This decision was made because someone has been identified with COVID-19, Delta variant, and who has been in the Auckland and Coromandel communities while believed to be infectious.

Level 4 means

- stay home to protect your household bubble
- if you do have to go out for essentials, keep a 2-metre distance from people you don't know.
- Wear a mask when out in public
- Schools are closed

We will activate our distance learning plan, starting next week. Our priority is to stay connected to you and your tamariki, and to guide and assist you with learning from home. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to discuss learning from home options. This looks different for each student and each class, as everyone's circumstances are different. You can discuss the best options for your child with your teacher. We have learned from previous experience that it is best to prioritise wellbeing for learners and their whānau.

For all of our community, we need to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe. It's important we follow the rules.

If you aren't sure if you have been to a place where someone with COVID has visited – please go to the Ministry of Health website for the 'Locations of Interest'. Check the date and time of each location listed in the table and if you were there at the same time, go to the right column on the right to see what you need to do.

COVID-19 symptoms can vary a lot with each person, so while we are familiar with the following symptoms:

- a new or worsening cough
- fever (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat

- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Some people may present with less typical symptoms such as only one of the following:

- muscle pain
- fever
- diarrhoea
- headache
- nausea/vomiting
- confusion/irritability.

If you or your whānau experience any of these symptoms, please contact your GP or Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice and get tested if advised to do so.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) will advise if the school needs to stay closed for longer. This may happen if other cases are confirmed.

If the situation changes, we will be in touch again. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

