



COVID UPDATE - PHASE 3

Friday 25th February, 2022

Kia Ora Whānau, Parents and Caregivers,

As notified by the Prime Minister yesterday, the country has moved to Phase 3 of the Covid Protection Framework.

If you or your child lives with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, you/they are considered a **Household Contact** and need to isolate for 10 days. Household contacts should get tested on Day 3 and Day 10 of your isolation. If symptoms develop earlier you should get a test sooner. If you are a household contact and test positive you need to isolate for 10 days.

So from today, Friday 25th February, if you or your child are currently a close contact and are partway through isolation, you do not need to complete the isolation period (**unless a household contact**) and can return to school and work. You do not need a negative Covid-19 test.

This means that we look forward to having all students at school who do not have Covid or are self isolating due to a household member having Covid.

This link provides the latest details about Phase 3

<https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/about-covid-19/our-response-to-omicron/>

Please continue to notify your child's classroom teacher, Mike Bibby mikeb@tauranga-int.school.nz and myself cameronm@tauranga-int.school.nz should your child have a positive Covid-19 result.

Home Learning Packs will be provided to any student self-isolating due to being a house-hold contact or to any student isolating due to having Covid who wants a Home Learning Pack.

Thank you for your understanding and patience over recent days. We have worked very hard to apply the directives given to schools and I acknowledge that these have altered considerably over recent days.

Please keep your child at home if they are symptomatic and encourage them to continue to practice good hygiene and wear a mask etc. to minimise the further spread of the virus.

A Phase 3 TIS Covid information graphic will shortly accompany this newsletter. This reinforces key messages and provides clarity to key questions.

Ngā mihi nui

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(Principal/Tumuaki)

