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COVID-19 Update #2: CPF Red Phase 3

Friday | Rāmere 25 February 2022

Kia Ora, mālō e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, kamusta, salam

** For safety reasons, students need to arrive between 8:30 and 8:55 am from Tripoli Rd

Thank you parents/whānau for your phone calls in the past intensive week! Your quick response and information has been awesomely helpful and much appreciated!

You will have seen the news yesterday about the move to CPF Red Phase-3 which now changes how schools manage any confirmed positive COVID cases.



We know:

Research from New South Wales about their recent Omicron outbreak shows that the spread within the school setting is low (less than 4% of cases at school infected someone else when at school). We have seen that in New Zealand too.

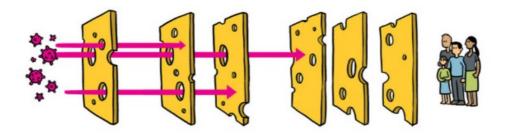
Children want to and need to be at School....

What we'll continue:

To have specific, MoE informed "layers of protection" (safety measures) in place to help minimise any spread of the virus i.e.,

- Vaccinated staff
- Masks and safe mask breaks
- Ventilation, timetabled 'fresh air' breaks
- Thorough cleaning, personal hygiene, sanitising
- Online School Assemblies
- Separate class groupings and break time locations
- No non-essential visitors onsite
- Our usual procedures for contact tracing

It's the layers of protection that help keep us safe.



Who stays home, who comes to school?

- Self isolation is now ONLY for "Household Contacts" who are confirmed positive cases i.e., anyone in your house who is confirmed positive AS WELL AS any other person living in the house needs to isolate for 10 days; test on Day 3 and Day 10 before returning to School
- Please call the Principal if you are a positive confirmed case. Your information is confidential
- If there is no one (including your children) in the house who is positive, then your children come to School
- If in doubt, please call the Principal or Sharon in the Office for help.

What can you do?

- Please continue to think about who you visit and what health measures you can put in place to keep everyone safe
- Please continue to monitor your whānau for any symptoms
- If your child is going to be absent from School, as usual for attendance safety reasons, please call Sharon in the Office or email your child's teacher
- Stay safe by:
 - o washing hands
 - getting lots of fresh air
 - o covering coughs and sneezes
 - o cleaning surfaces regularly
 - o seeking advice if anyone is not feeling well
 - o wearing a mask when you're out and about
 - o helping your whānau <u>prepare to isolate</u>
 - o acting 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 vaccine doses.
 - o Getting vaccinated. Research shows that those vaccinated with three doses of the vaccine are 67% less likely to be infected with Omicron and 97% less likely to get Delta than those unvaccinated. If you can't get COVID, you can't pass it on.

If you know of whānau who are struggling, please encourage them to get support e.g., to access food, medicine, or financial support: <u>Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub</u>.

If you have questions or concerns, please call/email me, your child's teacher, or call/email Sharon (Office Administrator) swilliamson@tamakiprimary.school.nz

Fa'afetai tele lava from the TPS Team, enjoy your weekend, take care 🕱

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