



19 March 2020

Kia ora whanau

We want to reinforce the importance of being vigilant with your health, the health of our children and our community. Staff are being asked to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds.

We ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum. It is important that we all try to stay as healthy as possible. We would prefer you keep your children home until they are cough free. We know that this can be difficult at times but we are trying to protect them as much as others. Should you want some homework for your child please let us know.

Please remember to let us know why your children are away. 0800 MOEREWA or txt 021 082 314 76

Community Testing Centres

Northland DHB is establishing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Community Testing Centres throughout Northland, with the first centres opening in Whangarei, Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Kaikohe and Kawakawa this Friday, 20 March.

“The purpose of a Community Testing Centre is to test people who have symptoms of COVID-19 and who have travelled overseas in the last two weeks or think they have been exposed to COVID-19.

“The centres are for testing only and will not be providing medical care or assessment. If you are feeling unwell and are sick enough to normally see your doctor please call your GP for an appointment.”

Healthline remains the first point of contact for people who are unwell and have symptoms of COVID-19. Healthline will provide guidance on whether testing is needed and will indicate whether people should contact their GP for a referral to a testing centre.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Community Testing Centres

| Area | Venue Located | Type of Venue | Commencing |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Whangarei | Woodhill | Horahora Rugby Club | Fri 20 March - 8.30 am to 4 pm. |
| Far North | Kaitaia Hospital | Whare at front of hospital | Fri 20 March - 8.30 am to 4 pm. |
| Mid North | Kerikeri | Porticom at Dental Hub Hone Heke Road | Fri 20 March - 8.30 am to 4 pm. |
| | Kaikohe | Community Nursing Clinic Rankin Street | Fri 20 March - 8.30 am to 4 pm. |
| | Kawakawa | Bay of Islands Hospital Site | Fri 20 March - 8.30 am to 4 pm. |
| | Rawene | Dental Caravan at Hospital | Wed 25 March - 8.30 am to 4 pm. |
| | Whangarei 2. | Dental Caravan at Dental Hub Grant St Kamo | To be advised |
| Kaipara | Dargaville | Porticom at rear of Outpatients | Wed 25 March - 8.30 am to 4 pm. |
| South Whg | Wellsford or Mangawhai | | To be advised |

If you have concerns phone **Healthline** free on 0800 611 116 for health advice and information, or

Dedicated Healthline 0800 number for COVID-19 health advice and information. [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453)