



Moerewa School

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Kia ora whanau

Latest information from the Ministry of Education

You'll be aware that New Zealand has moved to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19. These changes have been made based on public health advice and reflect high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand.

The two key changes impacting our school are:

- The removal of the requirement for household contacts to isolate. Instead, they will be asked to test for COVID-19 for five days.

A negative test means they can continue to come to school. It is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends.

However, positive cases remain legally required to isolate for seven days. Anyone who is symptomatic, including household contacts, should stay at home and get tested for COVID-19.

- Masks are no longer required on public transport or school transport and in line with other mask changes, they are no longer strongly recommended in school settings but can still be worn by choice.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home if they are unwell and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.

Noho ora mai

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