



MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

COVID-19/OMICRON UPDATE 3

Thursday 24th February 2022

Kia ora Parents and whānau

Firstly, thank you so much for your understanding and continued support during these difficult times. It continues to be frustrating as we would love to see all students as possible at MI taking part in all the awesome learning that is happening in classes!

Please remember that our teachers are still available to talk to you via phone or their school email.

Below I have included some additional information in anticipation that some of you still have a few questions.

Who do we advise if my child tests positive for Covid-19?

Please contact Tanya Brook (Associate Principal) as soon as possible after you have been informed of a positive test result. tanyab@manurewaint.school.nz

What actions does the school take when there is a positive case?

There is detailed guidance around this and a range of criteria. We go through the contact categorising information sent to us from the Ministry of Education and from this we can identify who fits the criteria for being a Close or Casual Contact.

My child is a close contact. What does this mean?

This means your child **has** had contact with a positive case at our school or within our community. They will need to isolate for 7 days and be tested on day #5 (Note - the 7 days start from the date that they were in contact with a positive case at school. Because of the time lag between the confirmed case/test results, this may mean that your child only needs to remain home for a smaller number of days). The day #5 test is likely when you would receive the notification of being a close contact.

My child is a casual contact. What does this mean?

This means your child **may** have had contact with a positive case but can continue to come to school everyday. You and your whānau should watch for symptoms. If any develop, get tested immediately and then stay at home until you receive the result.

My child has tested positive for Covid-19. What does this mean?

This will mean that your child will need to isolate for ten days. All family members will be close contacts and also need to isolate. The Ministry of Health will provide more guidance.

A member of our household has tested positive. What does this mean?

This will mean that your child will be a close contact and also needs to isolate for seven days. The Ministry of Health will provide more guidance.

My child is feeling unwell (e.g. cough, headache, sore throat etc) Can I still send them to school?

Because these are all symptoms of Covid, please do not send your child to school. While these may be the normal bugs/sniffles that occur, we encourage you to get your child tested.



Is it safe to send my child to school?

Our processes involve working through a detailed contact tracing assessment. If your child is not a close contact, then school is still open for them and we encourage you to send them to school as much as you can. As you know, our students have missed a lot of teaching and learning over the past two years, and we really want to see them at school as much as possible.

Our school health and safety plan for Red does contain a large number of protections.

My child is anxious or scared. What advice do you have?

Our staff are working hard to make school fun, safe and a place of learning. We encourage you to focus on the things that they can do to help - mask-wearing, washing hands, getting a test (if required). Please make contact with our leadership team if you would like additional support.

This website has some useful tips - <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz>

My child needs to be isolated at home. What support will school provide around teaching and learning?

Currently for students who are self isolating a Home Learning Pack is available. Our teachers are also in regular contact with those students who are self-isolating. If a child is a positive case they are not expected to work as they are home to recuperate.

Kia kaha and faamalosi whānau!

Ngā mihi

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