

Thursday 19th August 2021

Ata mārie whānau,

**Please note for clarification as the tension around knowing connections to cases is rising.**

- Oaklynn will be acting on information where a **CLOSE CONTACT** has been identified in our school community.
- Only Louise will notify our community of any **CLOSE CONTACT** action.
- We will NOT contact community members - family or staff for any other contacts (casual, casual plus, secondary) as it may cause undue stress and worry and the advice is exactly the same - **stay home, watch for symptoms, get tested if symptomatic.**
- If you are a **'Close Contact'** you will have been contacted by your local Public Health Unit or the Ministry of Health to talk you through what this means. We will be notified too.
- Close contacts are **NOT** self identified.
- All other contacts are either **casual** or **casual plus** or **secondary**.
- So far (as of 9.30 on Thursday 19/08) all of **our own staff or students** have only been identified as **SECONDARY CONTACTS**

**\*A secondary contact is, for example, a household contact or someone that has had significant contact with a Close Contact.**

## **Actions for secondary contacts**

If you have been in contact with a person who has been asked to isolate because they were in a location of interest you do not need to stay home or get tested. However, if the contact or a household member becomes symptomatic, you need to stay at home or in your accommodation until they return a negative test result.

If you've been in contact with a person who has been asked to stay at home and get a test after five days, you do not need stay at home or get tested.

If you become symptomatic yourself, get tested and stay at home or in your accommodation until you receive a negative test result.

Guidance is also available on the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

# **Actions for contacts**

|                            | Description  | Actions for the contact  | Actions for secondary* contacts   |
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| <b>Close Contact</b>       | People who may live or work with or have been in the same place at the same time as someone infectious with COVID-19.                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Isolate/quarantine</a>, either at home or in a managed facility, for 14 days from last exposure.</li> <li>• Test immediately (unless it's within 1 day of your next scheduled test), and on day 5 after last exposure and day 12 after last exposure.</li> <li>• If <a href="#">COVID-19 symptoms</a> develop, get an additional test immediately.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Close Contact develops COVID-19 symptoms, their household member(s) should <a href="#">stay at home</a> until the Close Contact returns a negative test result (following symptom onset).</li> <li>• If one or more household member(s) of the Close Contact develop COVID-19 symptoms, they should <a href="#">stay at home</a> and get a test.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Casual Plus Contact</b> | People who have been in the same place at the same time as someone infectious with COVID-19, but have not had enough exposure to be a Close contact. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Stay at home</a>, get a test around Day 5 after last exposure and remain at home until a negative test result is received.</li> <li>• Self-monitor for <a href="#">COVID-19 symptoms</a> for 14 days.</li> <li>• If COVID-19 symptoms develop, get a test immediately and stay at home until negative test result is received.</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action unless the household member develops COVID-19 symptoms.</li> </ul>   |

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| <p><b>Casual Contact</b></p> | <p>People who have been in the same place at the same time as someone infectious with COVID-19, but may not have been near the person.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-monitor for <a href="#">COVID-19 symptoms</a> for 14 days.</li> <li>• If COVID-19 symptoms develop, get tested and <a href="#">stay at home</a> until negative test result is received.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action.</li> </ul> |
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if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.



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**He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai.**  
**If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.**