

Community update 08/03/2022

Kia ora e te whānau

We are aware that Covid-19 numbers are increasing within our local community. In order to be more responsive to this situation, we are designing a system (which we will share with you) that will more readily communicate any cases connected with the school, and the location of these cases within our settings at Base and across our satellites. This will take the place of letters going out, which is how we have communicated to you (via email) previously.

Regrettably, we now have transmission within the school, as our community becomes exposed to more cases. Please be extra careful and vigilant of any symptoms which may be related to the Omicron virus. We are in the unfortunate position, where any symptoms are now more likely to be Covid-19 related. You will be called if your young person is unwell - it is vital that we work together to keep each other safe.

We are doing our best to keep the school staffed, safe and open. We really appreciate your help. Every day we are doing our best to staff our classrooms and units - which is becoming increasingly difficult and challenging. If we do make contact with you to pick up your young person, please understand that we are thinking of the wellbeing of your son/daughter as well as his/her classmates and staff.

All staff at Oaklynn, including the senior management team, are trying to be as flexible as possible to continue to accommodate and support our learners.

If you need any further assistance while isolating or managing Covid-19 within your household; we have included (below) some important information which may be of support to you or your whānau.

Please remember that we have a YouTube channel which you can access at any time, which may allow your young person to feel more connected with school - while away from it:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuUyrPtsHuqg7zzEWU08r0X7yt81a4yZi>

If you have any further concerns or questions please feel free to contact me on pilar.romero@oaklynn.school.nz

Ngā mihi mahana,

Pilar Romero

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Acting Principal

If you need help knowing what to do for you child with COVID

This page has lots of practical advice

https://panui.awhinghamatua.org.nz/what-to-do-if-your-child-gets-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR1JBM6A952FD3cmqum3vB2bVaH_TF_c1_rIPvKkIVuRdQlvcTaYBPdYM9g

This youtube clip from Starship is worth watching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lmxecRzH-s>

Information for household contacts can be found here

[https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/covid-19-information-household-and-close-contacts#:~:text=*A%20Household%20Contact%20is%20considered.ime%20basis%20\(e.g%20shared%20custody\)](https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/covid-19-information-household-and-close-contacts#:~:text=*A%20Household%20Contact%20is%20considered.ime%20basis%20(e.g%20shared%20custody))

If you need help getting medicines for relief of covid symptoms

Contact your GP. Many GPs are able to organise care packs to be sent to you or can register you with ZOOM Pharmacy for FREE Covid Home isolation care packs delivered to you.

<https://zoompharmacy.co.nz/home-isolation-form/>

If you need help getting RAT tests for household contacts

You can order online through this weblink

<https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/?fbclid=IwAR3GdAVoRTJJMrz0LWq3fVDvXige5vC4WYTQTWfbMfjIzYDzOSmhXOAdbE>

If you need help getting food and supplies for your family

AUCKLAND FOOD BANKS

· **AUCKLAND CITY MISSION.** Food parcel contactless pick up. If you need a food parcel call 303-9266 and speak to the Crisis Care team. You will then be given a time to collect from the Auckland City Mission distribution center at 15 Auburn Street, Auckland city (off Boston Road in Grafton). Everyone must take ID with them.

· **SALVATION ARMY ROYAL OAK.** Families can request and pick up food parcels.

Location: 691 A Mount Albert Road, Royal Oak. · Contact: 639 1103 · Pick-Up: Yes

· **PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT NORTHERN.** 9am to 12pm, Behind St. David's Presbyterian Church, Madeira Lane, Grafton

· **ORAKEI FOODBANK.** Please call us first, Ph 09 521 5712

Location Mission Bay,

· **SALVATION ARMY MOUNT WELLINGTON FOOD PARCEL.** Please call 09 379 7615 or 0800 5300 00 (ask for Auckland City Community Ministries)

Location: 18 Allright Place (off Carbine Road), Mt Wellington

· **ALL SAINTS CHURCH.** Cnr Cook & Selwyn Street, Howick Contact: 09 534 6864

· **POHUTAKAWA COAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Ph: 027 304 4998, Mon to Fri 9am - 5pm,
<https://www.pcpc.nz/group/food-bank>

· **EDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH.** No repeats 1 offs. Happy to take FSSW's verification of clients address. Location: Mt Eden, Contact: 630 3423 Delivery: No · Pick-Up: Yes

When can my child come back to school after isolating ?

All household members (including the positive case) must isolate for 10 days. If another family member tests positive during this time your 10 days does NOT have to start again.

Your child can return to school once they have completed 10 days isolation and have been symptom free for 48 hours.

Please contact your child's teacher to let them know your child is returning . We are operating with significantly reduced staff and need to ensure we have the right people in the right places

