



Community update 25/02/2022

Kia ora e te whānau

As you will be aware, we have moved from Phase 2 into Phase 3 of the Red Level in the Covid-19 Protection Framework overnight.

This has brought changes to the rules around isolation and the impact of close contacts. People who test **positive for COVID-19** are expected to be isolated **for 10 days**. **Household contacts** of someone with Covid-19 are **also expected to isolate for 10 days** and be **tested on day 3 and day 10**.

However, the significant change is, if you - or your young person - have recently spent time with someone who has Covid-19 you are no longer required to isolate and instead you are to monitor yourself for symptoms, and seek a test only if symptoms develop.

This will have a significant impact on schools as we are notified of more cases. While we are all appreciative that this change will allow more of us to continue working and doing our normal routines outside the home, it has implications for all workplaces - including schools - as we will struggle to find replacement staff for those staff members who have COVID-19, or are living with someone who does.

The 'close contact' information we sent out this week will stand until the end of today - Friday 25th February. This will allow time for staff who have been isolated to return to school and for the sites to be deep cleaned.

Please continue to keep your child/young person home if they are presenting with cold or flu like symptoms and get them tested. Children are to stay home if a member of their household tests positive for COVID-19. If your child/young person at Oaklynn School tests positive for COVID-19, please contact your class teacher as soon as possible.

The taxi companies are making their plans for what they will do under Phase 3 if drivers are not available. In the first instance this may mean a replacement driver and or different pick up and drop off times. But, it might get to the point that they don't have enough drivers to cover all the runs due to positive COVID cases. In that instance you might have to drive your young learner to school.

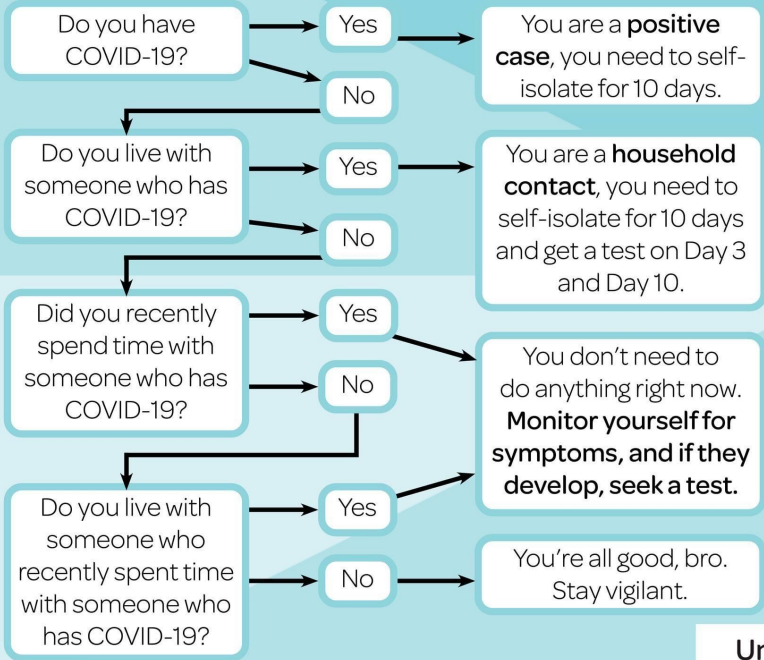
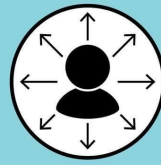
We have attached some flowcharts that you may find useful below.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Pilar Romero

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Acting Principal

What type of contact are you?



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Updated guide to self-isolation



You will need to self-isolate from others if you:

are positive for COVID-19

live with a positive case

You must isolate at home or in suitable alternative accommodation. If you test positive for COVID-19, a health professional will help you decide if managed isolation is suitable for you.

Isolate for 10 days from when you test positive

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No further tests required unless directed to

Tests on Day 3 and Day 10

Financial support may be available - check our website to find out what you may be eligible for: [Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/](https://www.Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/)

This information is accurate as at 24 February 2022. However, it may be updated if phases of the Omicron response change. For the most up to date information, please visit our website at www.Covid19.govt.nz

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