

Unite
against
COVID-19

School Notice

Sunday 28th February



Kia ora and Greetings,

Today we started a level 3 lockdown that will (hopefully only be) for the next 7 days.

Please read this newsletter carefully, as it is a mix of updates, letting you know what is happening for learning at home, and some health advice.

Update: MIT

As you know, the new Covid case (called Case M) also attends MIT, which is a very big organisation with many buildings and different sites or locations.

We have three groups of students who attend MIT as part of their Trades Academy (vocational pathway) courses. None of our students are doing the same course as Case M and they are in different places in the buildings.

One group (six students studying Early Childcare) use the Otara campus, so are not “contacts” for this current outbreak.

Two groups (three students studying a Health course, and eight students studying Auto Trades) use the Manukau campus.

These students are considered to be ‘casual contacts’. This means that they are at a low risk of catching Covid-19, but are still asked to watch for symptoms over the next 14 days.

Almost 2 weeks ago, after some more cases were linked to Papatoetoe High School the six students studying Early Childcare and the three students studying the Health course were all asked to self-isolate and get a Covid test, which they did. They have all now got their test results, with every student getting a negative result.

We will stay in contact with each family and be giving them the latest news from MIT as we receive it. Earlier today we received a letter from the Medical Officer of Health explaining all of this, and a copy of this letter is on our website.

Learning at Home

Tomorrow morning from 10am to 12 noon outside the school we will be giving out paper booklets for Year 9, 10 and 11 students so they can work at home.

We are also issuing school laptops and modems for Year 12 and 13 students who need one.

We are making this contact-free so please drive through or walk past the school tomorrow between 10 and 12.

Essential Workers and Those Who Have To Work

If you have to work and you need your child to be at school tomorrow or for the rest of this week, please call or text me on 021 336 328 this evening, tonight or before 7:30am tomorrow morning.

We will have staff on-site for your child/ren and we will be providing masks etc to keep them safe.

Health Information (from the Medical Officer of Health)

COVID-19 symptoms

Because there are currently cases of COVID-19 in the community, it's important to watch out for the symptoms of COVID-19. These can include one or more of the following:

- New or worsening cough
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Fever
- Temporary loss of smell
- Difficulty breathing

If you or anyone else in your household becomes unwell, please phone the 24-hour COVID-19 Health line number 0800 358 5453.

Please self isolate, stay away from work or school, and (after checking with the Covid HealthLine) get a Covid test.

Advice

It's important please to:

- Practise good cough, sneeze and hand hygiene, and wear a face covering when you are outside of your bubble and can't maintain a safe physical distance.
- Download and use the COVID-19 Tracer app
- Adhere to the current COVID-19 Alert Level for Auckland

For more information please call Healthline, 0800 358 5453. This is a free, 24/7 service with interpreters available.

Information

We are doing our best to keep our facebook page and website up to date. If you have any questions please ask us via our Facebook page, email (admin@jchs.school.nz), or our landline 09 268 3958.

Stay well and stay safe. Arohanui,



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