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2022 Covid-19 Update 1 -CPF-Red

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful summer for your whānau.

Our team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2022 year and can't wait to welcome everyone back onsite.

Regarding COVID-19, we have moved fully into the new traffic light framework for all our school activities and events this year. At this stage, we are operating in the Red Level.

Ventilation

Providing good old fashioned fresh air remains the most important thing we can do in our learning spaces to minimise risk for ākongā and kaiako. We are fortunate to have very well ventilated spaces in our school. We will also receive a CO₂ monitor in the coming weeks to further support our ventilation plan.

Face coverings

Staff and children in Years 4 – 13 must wear face masks when inside at school when we are at Red.

Public health advice is that an appropriate face mask will fit snugly and seal well around facial contours. Masks can include single-use, disposable (medical masks) and re-usable fabric masks with three layers.

The school can provide spare masks for those who cannot provide their own.

The Unite Against COVID-19 website also has information on [making a face covering](#).

For those of you with children who might be reluctant to wear a face covering, there is some [helpful advice from Michigan Health](#).

Vaccination for five- to 11-year-olds

Vaccination, including a booster shot, remains an important tool to help prevent the most severe harm from the COVID-19 virus. If children and young adults who have been vaccinated do develop COVID-19, they are far less likely to get seriously ill and less likely to transmit the virus to others.



Some helpful information is available to support you on the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#), including [How to book a vaccine for your five – 11-year-old](#) and [some great videos](#) on the Kids Health page that can support you to talk to your tamariki about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Managing cases in our school

If there is a confirmed case at school while infectious, we will identify who was in close contact with that person. We will then quickly advise those contacts of what they need to do.

At Red, we will keep everyone learning onsite for as long as possible.

Please make sure the contact details we have on file are up to date, so we can get in touch with you if needed.

Additional Resources

Below are some additional resources that may be useful.

Preparing for COVID-19

- [Be prepared for COVID-19](#)
- [Download the COVID-19 Readiness Checklist \[PDF, 121 KB\]](#)
- [What to expect when self-isolating at home](#)

Self-isolating at home because of COVID-19

- [What to expect when self-isolating at home | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)
- [Getting extra support if you have COVID-19 or are self-isolating | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)
- [COVID-19 positive – managing your symptoms | Health Navigator NZ](#)

If you know anyone in your community affected by COVID-19 and who may need help, such as food and other financial assistance, Work and Income has a range of [supports available for individuals, families, employers and self-employed people affected by COVID-19](#).

Work and Income support

Financial assistance for those that need it may be available from Work and Income. These are available to people on a low income and those on a benefit.

[Check what you might get here](#)

- [School costs](#)
- [Out of School Care and Recreation \(OSCAR\) Subsidy](#)
- [Other Childcare Assistance](#)
- [School and Year Start-up Payment](#) (for people getting Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit)
- [Help with living costs \(including food and rent/mortgage\)](#)

Use the links above or call 0800 559 009 to find out more or apply.

MoneyTalks can assist with [free budgeting and debt help](#)



You can also contact your local community provider. [Please find more information here.](#)

Getting ready to return to school

The Ministry of Education has some helpful information on their [Parents and Whānau website](#) to support your tamariki to get back to school. There is also an important reminder about how you can [take care of yourself](#).

We are also here to help. Please get in touch if you have any concerns or need help in any way.

See you soon!

Ngā manaakitanga

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