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2022 Covid-19 Update 2 -CPF-Red, Phase 3

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Kia ora koutou,

I'm sure you have seen the news about the increases in positive COVID cases and the announcement to move to Phase-3. The move to Phase-3 signals a shift in how schools manage COVID cases.

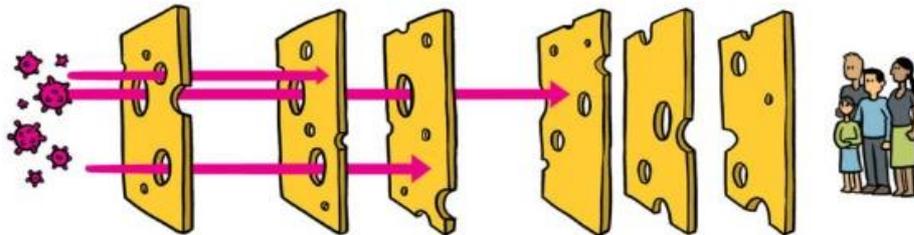
We know:

[Research from New South Wales about their recent Omicron outbreak](#) shows that the spread within the school setting is low (less than 4% of cases at school infected someone else when at school). We have seen that in New Zealand too.

Children want to and need to be at school.

What will we continue to do?

- We continue to have excellent systems to respond to this and minimise any spread of the virus – should it appear – Masks, ventilation, sanitising, restriction on some indoor activities, limiting gathering sizes are all still in place.



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It's the layers of protection that help keep us safe.

- We will let you know if there is a positive case in your child's class. All other students can continue attending class. Notification will be via the email we have on the school system.

Who stays home, who comes to school?



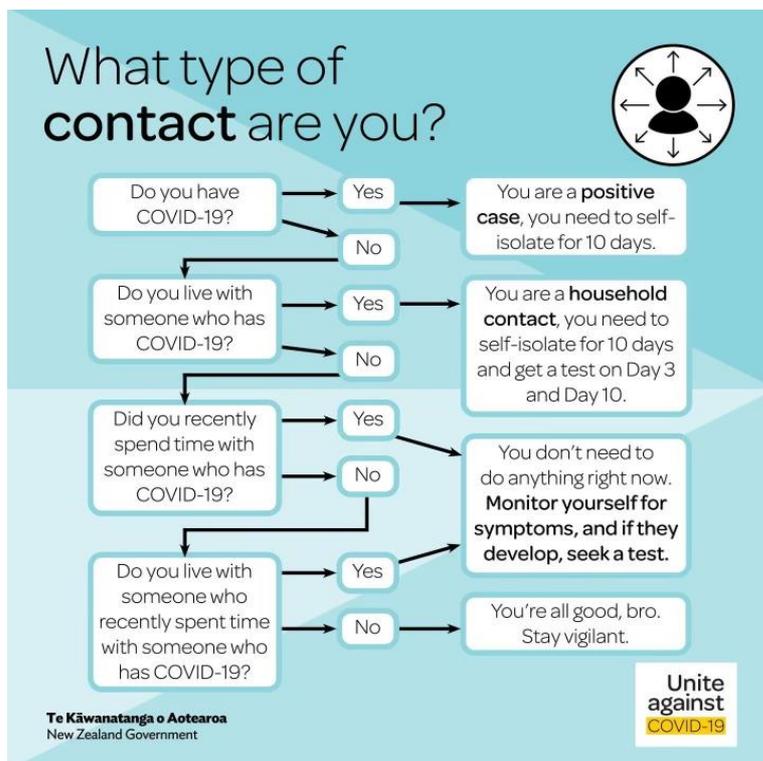
- Only confirmed cases and their household contacts need to self-isolate,
- Everyone else can come to school,
- If in doubt, call the MoH or the school office for help.

What is your job?

- please continue to keep a close watch on your whānau for anyone with symptoms,
- If unwell, please stay at home and get advice about getting a COVID-19 test.
- **Please let us know. Call the office. We will keep your details confidential.**

Stay safe at home by:

- Washing hands,
- getting lots of fresh air,
- covering coughs and sneezes,
- cleaning surfaces regularly,
- seek advice if anyone is not feeling well.
- Wear a mask when you are out and about.
- There is information online to help your family [prepare to isolate](#),
- Act as if you have COVID-19. More than a third of people who have COVID-19 will not have any symptoms, if they have had three vaccine doses.
- *Get vaccinated. Research shows that those vaccinated with three doses of the vaccine are 67% less likely to be infected with Omicron and 97% less likely to get Delta than those unvaccinated. If you can't get COVID, you can't pass it on.*



Finally, If you know of a family in your community who is struggling, please encourage them to reach out for support, for example, to access food, medicine, or financial support: [Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub](#).

If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please get in touch. We are here to help.

Ngā manaakitanga

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