



COVID-19 Protection Framework **ORANGE**

This provides a guide to protecting each other from COVID-19 at Tuakau College at 'Orange'



Tuakau College is OPEN at Orange

We will continue to provide onsite learning for all students. Students may not be at school because they :

- Have COVID-19 and are following the appropriate health guidelines for isolation
- Are identified as a 'household close contact' and have to self isolate
- Are immuno-compromised. Medical evidence should be given to the school so online learning can be provided for that student
- Parents that decide to keep their children at home for other reasons will be dealt with by the Attendance service



Vaccination

- Student vaccination is **optional** and is NOT a requirement for students to attend school
- Parent/caregivers no longer need to provide their child(s) vaccination status to the college
- ALL teaching staff, volunteers and support staff will be double vaccinated and have had a booster shot to be able to work at Tuakau College up until Monday 4 April 2022. From Monday 4 April 2022, the government mandate for teachers to be vaccinated and boosted was removed. This also applies to itinerant teachers, relief teachers, SWIZ workers, Educational Support Programme staff, Social workers, etc. who work across schools.



Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing is encouraged
- Where practical inside a classroom, students will be kept at least 1m apart
- Outside the classroom at least 1m apart
- We will endeavour to keep classes small enough to decrease social contact within a classroom
- Students are NOT to be involved in kissing, hugging or close contact of any kind
- Examinations will require 1.5m physical distancing



Wearing of Masks

- Mask wearing is not compulsory at schools BUT public health advice is that they should continue to be used and strongly encouraged when indoors
- We ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whaanau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds
- Outside, students do not need to wear a mask
- **Masks MUST be worn on school buses and other types of school transport**



Activities and Events

- There is no limit for outdoor gatherings and there is no limit for indoor gatherings
- Full school activities will resume (eg. assemblies, events, etc.)
- Curriculum related activities will continue
- Non curricular activities will resume
- Both inside facilities and outside facilities will be available for hire (please contact p.moody@tuakaucollege.com)



Hygiene Standards

- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of common touched surfaces will occur
- Wash your hands regularly
- Use hand sanitizer in classrooms
- Cough/sneeze into elbow
- Avoid touching face, eyes, nose, etc.
- Students should NOT be sharing food or drink at any time



Sport

- All students can participate in all school organised teams and groups as well as club and inter-school competitions, without a requirement to be vaccinated.



Ventilation

- Where appropriate windows, doors and vents will be open to increase cross flow of air



To and From school

- Students walking to school should continue to keep a safe distance from other students
- Parents and caregivers dropping off or picking up students before and after school are encouraged to stay in their vehicles.



EOTC

- These activities can occur and careful planning will ensure COVID-19 Health and Safety is included
- Students that get ill will be returned home immediately
- **ALL EOTC providers will be able to offer curriculum related activities/services to schools that do not require all students to be vaccinated.**



Visitors

- All visitors **MUST** wear a mask
- All visitors **MUST** have an appointment and check in to the Student Centre
- All visitors must use the Elizabeth Street entrance



Emergencies

- Fire alarms and other emergencies may require the school to evacuate the buildings or move everyone inside (lockdown). The priority is to keep everyone safe from the threat arising from the emergency
- We will always have a number of staff that can administer First Aid when required
- We will continue to have practice Emergency Procedures under the COVID-19 Traffic Light Alert Levels



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WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THERE IS A CONFIRMED CASE?



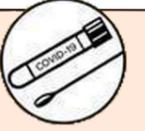
If someone with COVID-19 is at school during their infectious period, **under 'Orange' Tuakau College will not investigate and/or advise contacts in the school environment.** 'Close Contacts' and 'Casual Contacts' are no longer notified and **only 'Household Close Contacts' who live with a positive case have to self-isolate.**

It is no longer necessary for Tuakau College to immediately close when a case has been identified as infectious while in attendance. We encourage students to get vaccinated but it is not a requirement to attend Tuakau College.

STUDENTS/ADULTS WILL BE PLACED INTO ONE OF FOUR CATEGORIES:

1. **POSITIVE CASE**
2. **HOUSEHOLD CLOSE CONTACT**
3. **NO CONTACT**

POSITIVE CASE



IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19:

1 - Tuakau College is notified by the students parents/caregivers or whaanau.

2 - The positive case and any 'Household Close Contacts' must self-isolate for 7 days.

3 - Information added to our 'Contact Tracing Worksheet.'

5 - The positive case can leave self-isolation after 7 days

5 - If someone has tested positive for COVID-19, after their 7 days isolation if any household members test positive within the next 3 months, they are not required to self-isolate again (for 3 months only)

HOUSEHOLD CLOSE CONTACT



A COVID-19 case has been confirmed and you have been identified as a **HOUSEHOLD CLOSE CONTACT**

You are a 'Household Contact' if you live/flat/reside with a positive case

If you live with someone who is a positive case you need to **SELF-ISOLATE FOR 7 DAYS** from the date the household member tested positive.

- Get tested again on Day 3 and Day 7
- If you test positive you must start your 7 days again from the date you test positive, but the original positive case does NOT need to restart their 7 days

What it means to self-isolate:



- Stay away from other household members if possible
- DON'T leave your house for any reason. You can't have visitors.

When to stop self-isolating:



- You can leave isolation after 7 days if you have a negative test on Day 7 and no new or worsening symptoms

NO CONTACT



A COVID-19 case has been confirmed and you have been identified as **NO CONTACT/HAD NO CONTACT**

- Attend school
- Even if you have had some contact with a positive case but do not live in the same household/flat/residence as the positive case, you do not have to self-isolate
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 (common symptoms may include fever, cough, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, etc). If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.

UPDATES TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

- There is no requirement to 'scan in' or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.
- From 11:59pm on Monday 4 April 2022, there is no requirement to use My Vaccine Pass. From this date also, the government mandate for teachers to be vaccinated and boosted was removed.

HYGIENE MEASURES



Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.



Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.