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18th February 2022

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

On Friday 18th February we were informed by a parent that her daughter has COVID-19 and this means that her class, her friends and the teacher are 'Close Contacts.'

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority. This letter contains information about what you and your whānau need to do. Please read it carefully.

We're sending this letter as **your child has been identified as a 'CLOSE CONTACT.'** They had contact with a positive COVID-19 case at Tuakau College from Friday 11th February. If you have questions, you can contact Mr Jacobs on a.jacobs@tuakaucollege.com.

The information included in this email lets you know about what it means to be a '**Close Contact**'.

1. Please get your child tested immediately and then get them tested again on Day #5. Continue to follow the Health Guidelines.
2. **PLEASE do not** send your child back to school until you have received the result of the Day 5 negative test. Public Health will contact you and let you know when you can return to school.
3. You and your family now need to monitor yourselves for symptoms and should carry on with normal everyday life but be vigilant.
4. If your child tests positive, then you will become a 'Close Contact' and have to follow the Close Contact rules as set out in the hand out.
5. The teacher has work provided for all the students in Google classroom. Students can continue their education whilst isolating at home.

For more information, go to

www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/covid-19-self-isolation-managed-isolation-quarantine#whattodo

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste

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- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.
For more information, go to

www.covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/

For more information on being a Close Contact

www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/contact-tracing-covid-19#factsheets

Where you can get support

If you need support during self-isolation, call the COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337. They will connect you with someone who can help. This could be a local community organisation, a government agency, a marae-based service or support that iwi have established.

For more information go to <https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/getting-extra-support-if-you-have-covid-19-or-are-self-isolating/>

Noho ora mai



Chris Betty
Principal