

1 March 2022

Kia ora koutou,

You will have received notification following our first few cases of COVID-19 in our school community (defined as students and staff). It is highly likely during this outbreak that we will experience more cases. Rather than notifying you on each occasion, as the messaging will continue to be the same, we will provide you with regular updates as to our current situation.

Currently within our school community we are aware of 3 confirmed COVID cases and a further 5 people identified as “household contacts” all isolating at home.

The general advice is as below and we do ask that you continue to inform the school immediately if:

1. Your child tests positive for COVID-19 or
2. Your child is identified as a “household contact” of a COVID-19 case.

As we are following Phase 3 guidelines we will not be contact tracing and Christchurch South Karamata Intermediate will remain open for staff and students.

As the definition of a “close contact” no longer exists under Phase 3 and the advice is the same to everyone other than “household contacts”, we will not be disclosing any details about a positive case (e.g. their homeroom class). This also supports their privacy.

Please continue to monitor yourself and your whānau for symptoms and if any develop, get tested straight away and isolate at home while you wait for results.

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

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

For more information, go to

<https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/>

Ngā mihi,



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