



Peterhead School Te Whai Hiringa

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COVID update – 14 March 2022

Kia ora koutou

Thank you all for your support as we begin to see an increase in students and staff isolating due to being household contacts or COVID 19 positive.

At Peterhead we have four teachers at present who are sick (not COVID 19) and four teachers isolating at home due a household contact being positive.

At this time we expect COVID numbers to continue to increase in the Hawkes Bay for the next few weeks. We will keep you updated if it becomes too difficult for us to provide cover for all staff who are away.

To keep everyone informed - Everyday at 4pm I will put out a short school COVID 19 school update from the Principal.(Starts Tuesday 15 March)

Please read the below information:

Change of isolation requirements effective Friday 11 March at 11:59pm – all cases and household contacts who are currently isolating can end their period of isolation after Day 7. Those currently in isolation will not have to complete their Days 8, 9 and 10 of isolation. This means that students can return to school on Day 8, providing they are symptom free.

Household contacts are required to isolate for the same seven days as the case. They can return to their normal activities on the same day as the first case in their household, so long as all test results have been negative, and they are not symptomatic. *If symptoms develop at any time during isolation:*

- the usual advice remains in place, to undertake an additional RAT
- if the test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again 48 hours after that negative test
- If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test until the required Day 7 test. If this is negative, they can return to daily life on Day 8.

If a household contact has new symptoms on the day of release:

- they should undertake an additional RAT and stay at home while unwell.
If that test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again after 48 hours. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

If a household contact has finished their period of isolation, they do not need to return to isolation if a new case is identified in their household. However, **this only applies for a period of seven days** following their leaving isolation. Should a new household member be confirmed as a case eight or more days after the household contact has left isolation, then they must start a new period of self-isolation for seven days.

What we're doing :

- **We are staying open.**
- **We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including masks, physical distancing and ventilation.**
- **We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.**

Homework Centre: Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and staff absences we will not be able to continue with the Homework Centre for this week and possibly next week. We will keep you informed as to when we will reopen.

Ngā mihi

Martin Genet
Principal