

Koraunui School COVID Response F.A.Q. (Frequently Asked Questions)



This information is to prepare and support our Koraunui School community with any Covid-19 questions, and what you may need to do should you have a positive case or are a close contact.

We are providing this as we know that the Ministry of Health may be delayed in providing advice/guidance to you due to the number of daily cases they are dealing with. Please note that this information is subject to change, based on any updated guidelines from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. We will be following the requirements set out by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health at all times and will keep you updated if there are any changes.

Question Who do we advise if my child tests positive for Covid-19?	Answer Please contact Dave Lamont as soon as possible after you have been notified of a positive test result. Contact: 04 939 9707 (daytime), principal@koraunui.school.nz Call or text 027 3710 947 (this is the school mobile. Dave will have it after hours).
Question A member of our household is a close contact. Can my child still attend school?	Answer Yes, your child is able to attend school. Household members continue as normal - monitoring for symptoms
Question My child has tested positive for Covid-19. What does this mean?	Answer This will mean that your child will need to isolate for 10 days. All family members will be close contacts and will also need to isolate.
Question A member of our household has tested positive. What does this mean?	Answer This will mean that your child will be a close contact and also needs to isolate. They will need to get tested on day 3 and day 8 of their isolation period.
Question How do we work out who is a close contact?	Answer There is detailed guidance around this and a range of criteria. The school uses the criteria to work our close contacts at school and works with the Ministry of Education to confirm this. Close contact information can be found on the Unite against COVID website https://covid19.govt.nz/testing-and-tracing/contact-tracing/close-contacts/
Question We received the letter from school saying that my child is NOT a close contact. What do I need to do?	Answer Most importantly, your child is still able to attend school You and your family should watch for symptoms. If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately. Stay home until your receive the test result. Please keep an eye out for school communications. If your family hasn't been vaccinated, please consider doing so as soon as possible.
Question My child is a close contact of someone not in my household. What does this mean?	Answer This means your child has had contact with a positive case from outside your household. They will need to isolate for 7 days and be tested on day 5 (note: the 7 days start from the date that they were in contact with a positive case at school. You can end your self-isolation after 7 days, if you have no symptoms and your day 5 test was negative. If you develop COVID-19 symptoms after your isolation has finished, get another test straight away, stay at home until you get a negative test and until 24 hours after you no longer have symptoms.
Question What actions does the school take when there is a positive case?	 Answer We follow a response plan based on guidance from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. Education and Ministry of Health. If this was on a school day, we then work through contacts tracing. We will advise staff and classes that are close contacts, via a phone call initially. If this occurs during a school day, we will request that you come and collect your child as soon as you are able to. Parents/whanau are to arrive at the main office, and we will bring your child(ren) out to you safely. We will aim to stagger arrival times. The rest of the school will be advised of the case and become casual contacts.
Question If my child is a close contact, does the rest of our household also have to isolate?	Answer No. We are currently in traffic light red level and phase 2 so household contacts of close contacts don't have to isolate.
Question Do I need to provide anything before my child is able to return to school?	Answer Yes please. For positive Covid cases or close contacts we would like to see the last negative test results please.