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## COVID 19 LEVEL 2 - RESPONSE

Kia ora e te whanau,

Most of you will be finding out today that our Covid-19 Level has now changed to Level 2. At this stage it will remain until Wednesday 17th Feb late evening. Notification will come through by the Gov't and the Ministry of Education to keep us up to date and if Level 2 will remain or be reduced. The change to Covid Level 2 applies to us all in our communities throughout New Zealand except for Auckland. The Level 2 took effect from midnight last night (Monday 15th Feb 12am).

We will be taking the precautionary actions under Level 2. These are detailed below.

At Level 2, we still need to have students coming to kura. We will work with students to help them prepare for what these Level 2 changes mean and preparing for any future changes.

Kaiako have prepared material to go home in case Covid Levels change to Level 3 or 4 for our area. We have chrome-book devices and I-pads that can be distributed immediately. Should this be required, we will outline the details then to ensure security is covered and risk minimized. In class, kaiako have been working with all students so they understand how learning will work from home in these worst-case scenarios.

Our Yr 7 & 8 students attending TKHS for technology on Thursday's will continue. The TKHS staff have clear guidelines & protocols which we will follow.

Kaiako at Te Kura Rautau are well prepared for a Covid response to ensure the learning of your tamariki is not affected too much.

The below guidelines are directly from the Ministry of Education to help whanau understand, what actions we all need to take for areas outside of Auckland. Thank you for your understanding during Level 2 as we all work together to keep ourselves safe.

We will keep you posted as more information comes through from the Gov't and the MOE.

### **All of New Zealand excluding Auckland region**

Alert Level 2 applies as follows:

- At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school and early learning. There will be appropriate precautions in place.
- Children and staff who are at higher risk of severe illness are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.

- Please be alert to illness and ask anyone who is presenting as unwell to go home or ask parents and caregivers to come and pick the child up.
- Messaging about good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette to be reinforced.
- Soap and water are very appropriate for washing hands, particularly if hand sanitizer stocks are low.
- For schools, children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable and reasonable 1 meter can be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- In early learning there does not need to be a measurable physical distance between children/tamariki or children/tamariki and staff. However, adults should where practicably use 1 meter as a guide between themselves and other adults.
- Physical distancing of 2 meters is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).

### **Masks**

Masks are not required at schools and early learning services at Alert level 2 but some whanau may wish to have them worn.

- We Support our community by displaying the QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App.

Please contact the kura if you need further information. We can provide learning material for your tamariki and encourage this to happen should you decide to keep them home, however at Level 2, we encourage whanau to have tamariki at kura. Please advise us so we can make arrangements to meet your needs.

More detailed information can be found here: Link to [website: https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/alert-level-2-fags-for-schools-and-early-learning-centres/](https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/alert-level-2-fags-for-schools-and-early-learning-centres/)

Ngaa mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

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