



9th March 2022

Kia ora koutou,

Today, we have been notified that we have more positive cases of Covid-19 in our school community. We will now assume that Covid is present in our community and we will no longer send out updates with individual cases. We will still send an email/seesaw message to classes who have positive cases. We currently have 9 cases within the school, this includes those that we have already advised to you.

Please be assured and confident that we have systems for health and safety in place to prioritise the wellbeing, safety and continued learning of our children.

What we are asking you to do:

If your young person tests positive for Covid-19 it is important you contact the Principal and Office at principal@greytown.school.nz and office@greytown.school.nz as soon as possible.

All positive cases will be kept confidential within school and the Ministry of Education. We have been in contact with the families who have children who have tested positive and it has been reassuring to know that their children are doing well and are bouncing back quickly.

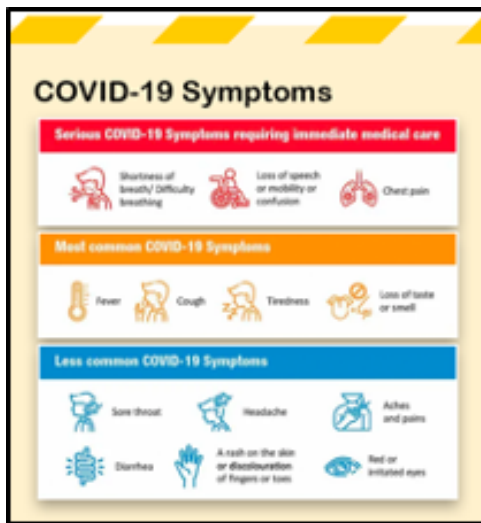
- You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
- Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, AND until you or your child is symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Wear a face mask when out and about.
- Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.
- Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

What we're doing

- We are staying open.
- Continuing to hand out face masks to all students in year 4 and above to reinforce the importance of wearing masks.
- Notifying our community on positive covid cases and the changes we are making.
- We have appropriate public health measures and cleaning procedures in place.
- We have notified the Covid-19 School Support and Advisory Team and will continue to work with the Ministries of Education and Health.

- We will send any child with any symptoms home immediately.





Symptoms of COVID-19

- 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/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/>

We know that there will be other cases of Covid-19 in our school and wider community in the future as the numbers in New Zealand are increasing. We ask that you please keep us informed in regards to the health and well being of your children so we can continue to help in any way possible.

Ngā mihi,

Paula Weston
Principal