

# Firth Primary School



## Frequently Asked COVID-19 Questions

In light of the changes in Phases for the COVID response information, we have tried to collate information to support our families with any Covid-19 queries, and what you need to do.

In advance we know that this will end up in disruptions to your lives and work, and thank you for your understanding and support.

Please note that we are not the “health experts”, but do know that the Ministry of Health may be delayed in providing advice/guidance to you.

Please also note that this information is subject to change, based on any updated guidelines from the Ministry of Education & Health. We will endeavor to send out updates when we receive new information.

If you still have any questions, please contact Michelle via [principal@firth.school.nz](mailto:principal@firth.school.nz)

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**Q** Who do we advise if my child tests positive for Covid-19?

**A** Please contact Michelle as soon as possible after you have been informed of a positive test result.

Contact: txt: 0211157874 or [covid\\_response@firth.school.nz](mailto:covid_response@firth.school.nz)

**Q** My child is a close contact. What does this mean?

**A** This means your child has had contact with a positive case at our school. 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. We will let you know when this date is.

**Q** If my child is a close contact, does the rest of our household also need to isolate?

**A** No, not for our region. We have received official direction from the Waikato District Health Board & Ministry of Education that this no longer applies to the Waikato region. *Please note: the Covid19 website still says that other household members of close contacts are secondary contacts, and also need to isolate for 5 days, but this does not apply to the Waikato/Auckland areas.*

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**Q** A member of our household is a close contact. Can my child still attend school?

**A**

Yes - please refer to our flowchart explaining each scenario

**Q** My child is a close contact. What does this mean?

**A**

Most importantly, your child is still able to attend school

- You and your whānau should watch for symptoms
- If any develop, get tested immediately
- Then, stay at home until you receive the result

**Q** If my child is a close contact, does the rest of our household also need to isolate?

**A**

This will mean that your child will need to isolate. All family members will be close contacts and also need to isolate.

Ministry of Health will provide more guidance.

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**Q** A member of our household has tested positive. What does this mean?

**A** This will mean that your child will be a close contact and also needs to isolate. Ministry of Health will provide more guidance.

**Q** My child is feeling unwell (e.g. cough, headache, sore throat etc) Can I still send them to school?

**A** Because these are all symptoms of Covid, please do not send your child to school. While these may be the normal bugs/sniffles that occur, we encourage you to get your child tested.

**Q** Does my child have to have the PCR (nasal swab) test?

**A** We fully appreciate that this is not an overly pleasant experience for the kids but it is important to ensure you know if your child has COVID-19. If you still choose not to, the advice we have received is that you need to act as though your child is covid positive and therefore isolate for a longer period of time (this is currently 10 days). The big change though, would mean that all family members would now need to be treated as possible close contacts and also isolate for the same 10 days.