

COVID 19 PĀNUI 1
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Tēnā Koutou

Pandemic Preparation – COVID-19 (sometimes called novel coronavirus)

Most of you will be aware that recently, an outbreak of a new coronavirus disease now called COVID-19 (sometimes called novel coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) was identified.

New Zealand is prepared and ready to deal with a COVID-19 outbreak should it occur here. The risk of an ongoing outbreak is low-moderate, but we are monitoring the situation closely. Schools and Kura have been asked to update their own pandemic plans.

Our Kura is talking with health officials and we have been advised that there is no reason for alarm.

The most important thing you can do as parents and caregivers is to ensure your contact details are up to date with the kura and reinforce these messages to your children:

- Wash and dry hands thoroughly and regularly – especially before meals and after toileting.
- Always use a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing and discard it in a closed rubbish bin.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue will greatly reduce the number of germs that are able to spread to people and objects around you.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to a range of other illnesses such as the flu, so if your child has flu-like symptoms, please keep them home until a doctor or nurse has checked them and okay-ed them to return to school. Symptoms include - fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. Having any of these symptoms does not necessarily mean that you have COVID-19.

Te Rōpū Kaitiaki, Kaimahi and I are working closely to ensure that all ākonga at our Kura are kept as safe as possible. We are updating our whanau contact details and civil emergency forms for all ākonga and kaimahi, and ensuring kaimahi are fully briefed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly. Thank you.

Nāku nā

Tumuaki
Principal

