



Health & Safety at COVID-19 Alert Level 2

Alert Level 2 key principles:

The overriding principles for **Alert Level 2** as noted by the Prime Minister are:

- **Minimise** the risk of someone getting infected in the first place
- **Ensure** we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected
- **Understand** that Level 2 is not business as usual
- **It is safe for all schools to open.** All students and staff will be able to be onsite

We have communicated some key principles to students and whaanau as follows;

Physical Distancing – students and staff will follow the safe physical distancing guide from the Ministry of Health, maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. Constant reminders about coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying will be shared.

Visitors to school – all visitors and whaanau coming into to school must sign in at reception. The reception counter will be open with enforced physical distancing in this area. All visitors moving around the site will follow safe physical distancing of 2 metres. Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon entry and exit of the school.

Illness – any student or staff member who appears sick at school will be sent home immediately.

Devices and equipment - regular cleaning of equipment will be carried out during the day.

Hand sanitizer – each classroom and space has been provided with hand sanitizer available for student and staff use upon entry and exit of the room/space.

Masks – students are reminded that if travelling to school on public transport it is mandatory to wear a mask. Students are welcome to wear a mask at school if it makes them feel more comfortable.

Use of school facilities - outside groups are not able to use school facilities until further notice. It's important however that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19.

Health and Safety at Work Act requirements

To meet our requirements under the Health and Safety Act 2015 during Alert Level 2 we must manage risks and protect staff, children and young people.

The expectation of the government, community, staff and regulators is that Manurewa High School will meet the highest possible standards and that the Board of Trustees, Senior Leadership and individual staff actively manage adherence to the safety measures and expectations. It is expected that all involved ensure they are looking out for the health and safety of their colleagues and community, while at work.

Workplaces are obliged to eliminate transmission risks where possible and where not, to substitute work practices or provide as high a level of control as possible. A simple example is where possible,



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propping or wedging a door open rather than focusing on wiping the handles regularly. It is expected that we maintain or create new practices that meet or exceed the public health requirements as they are updated.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

