

# Alert Level Communication

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Kia Ora Whaanau,

Following the Government announcement this afternoon you will be aware that Auckland is remaining in Alert Level 3 with a phased plan for schools to be able to return at the start of Term 4.

If the phased level changes do go to plan then we are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back onsite at **9am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October** for the start of Term 4. During the term break we will be sending out further details of our Term 4 Return to School 'Operation Delta' Plan to show you everything we have in place to support our return to face to face learning.

A return to school provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we will all need to follow. Please do continue to monitor your health and do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

At Manurewa High School all the required safety precautions will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow.

While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

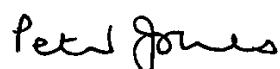
The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whaanau, whatever your decision it will be respected. Also, whilst the very strong health recommendation is for all people 12 years+ to be vaccinated again it is not a requirement to be able to return to school.

If you are not sure what all the rules are for the alert levels when you are out and about, then the following information may be useful to you:

- [COVID-19 Alert Levels summary table](#)
- [COVID-19 Alert Levels detailed table](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's Kaitiaki or me if there is something you need assistance with. We are looking forward to hopefully welcoming you back at **9am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**.

Ngaa mihi



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