



# Dairy Flat School

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**Dairy Flat Schools response to the Omicron outbreak will happen in four stages depending on case numbers at school.**

As we navigate the current Covid-19 Omicron outbreak, there may be cases at Dairy Flat School. Communication will be guided by Public Health and the Ministry of Education. Information on this page is a step by step guide of what to do for your child(ren) and who to notify if you, your child(ren) or anyone in your household is positive.

## STAGE 1

School is open with all students learning on-site.

## STAGE 2

School is open with some students on-site and some students learning from home.

## STAGE 3

School is open but the school site is closed. Distance learning programmes are in place.

## STAGE 4

School is closed with no learning programmes available due to staff illness.

**Your child tests positive for Covid-19**

Contact the school as soon as possible. Try to compile a list of possible close contacts

Self isolate for 10 days. test on day 5 and then again on day 8

Your child can return to school on day 11, if a negative day 8 PCR test is confirmed and they are asymptomatic

**A household whānau member tests positive for Covid-19**

Contact the school as soon as possible. Your child is a close contact

Isolate for 7 days, monitor for symptoms, and get a PCR test on day 5

Your child can return to school on day 8, if a negative day 5 PCR test is confirmed and they are asymptomatic

**Your child is a close contact of a positive case not in their house**

If school did not notify you of the close contact. Contact the school as soon as possible.

Isolate for 7 days, monitor for symptoms, and get a PCR test on day 5

Your child can return to school on day 8, if a negative day 5 PCR test is confirmed and they are asymptomatic

**A household whānau member is a close contact of a positive case**

Inform the school as soon as possible

Your child can continue to attend school

Monitor your child for any symptoms and get tested if unwell. Your child can return to school after a negative test.

If your child is a casual (secondary) contact, they are able to attend school, but please watch for any symptoms.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who do I contact if my <b>child is positive?</b>	Ring School 415 9071 Email <a href="mailto:Office@dairyflat.school.nz">Office@dairyflat.school.nz</a> Or Katie Hills <a href="mailto:khills@dairyflat.school.nz">khills@dairyflat.school.nz</a>
What does this mean?	Your child will need to isolate for 10 days Your household will all be close contacts Contact Regional Public Health for advice
How do I know my child is a close contact?	You may receive a Bluetooth notification from the NZ COVID Tracer app
My Child is a <b>close contact</b> . What should I do?	Notify the School The child must isolate for 7 days from the date of contact Test on day 5 If negative the child can return to school once the 7 days have gone



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## 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

Less common symptoms include diarrhea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to [covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/](https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/)

A COVID-19 case has been confirmed in your school community.

**YOU** have been identified as a **CLOSE CONTACT**

Please follow this Public Health guidance.

### **YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE FOR**

**7 DAYS** from the date you had contact with the case  
Get tested on **DAY 5**

### **HOW TO GET TESTED**

Find your nearest testing centre at [www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19](https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19)  
or call Healthline on **0800 358 5453**  
It's **FREE**  
Tell them you're a **CLOSE CONTACT**

You can stop isolating and **RETURN** to normal life once you have received a negative day 5 test AND once 7 days have passed (ie, on day 8).

Follow public health advice on the Ministry of Health website:  
[www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-contact](https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-contact)

### **WHAT IT MEANS TO SELF-ISOLATE**

**Stay away** from other household members if possible  
**Don't leave your house for any reason**  
**You can't** have any visitors

Someone in our house is a close contact. What does this mean for us?

Your child is a casual contact so they can come to school.  
If the household contact test positive then your child becomes a close contact and must self isolate



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What will the <b>School do</b> if there is a positive case?	We will seek confirmation Establish contract tracing Advise all close contacts straight away The rest of the school will be advised of the case and will be classed as casual contacts
Is it <b>safe to send my child to school</b> ?	Our process is to follow <a href="#">Ministry of Education guidelines</a>
What are we doing to keep your child safe?	All staff, volunteers and contractors are fully vaccinated We have excellent ventilation in all classrooms We ask all whanau to stay off the school grounds Year 4 students and staff wear masks indoors We have staggered breaks to minimize contact with other whānau groups We have staggered pick up times at the end of the day

**KIA KAHA   KIA MAIA   KIA MANAWANUI   BE STRONG   BE BRAVE   BE STEADFAST**