



COVID-19 Update #14 to Wee Nippers Community

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Kia Ora to all of our families and whanau

You will by now have heard today's news of community cases in Auckland, and tonight's announcement by PM Jacinda Ardern of the move at 11:59pm tonight to COVID-19 Alert Level 3 in Auckland and Alert Level 2 for the rest of the country. It is not the news anyone wants to hear, but we do feel prepared to do what needs to be done. We have done this before and we can do it again.

Wee Nippers Invercargill and Wee Nippers Mosgiel are fully open at COVID-19 Alert Level 2 for the three days currently required. That is Monday 15, Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 16 February. We expect an announcement by Tuesday if the Level 2 status is to be continued.

We will be prioritising the good hygiene practises we are all so familiar with and ensuring team members and children who are unwell are staying home.

Changes to the week ahead will involve:

- Requiring just one parent to accompany children to the classrooms.
- Asking parents to limit their attendance time in classrooms and to the cubbyholes.
- Limiting any visitors to the Centre including tours.
- No outings that involve large numbers of people or use of public transport.

The key things that we ask you to support us with are;

- PLEASE scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer APP QR Code posters and the Discover iPads.
- If your child is sick, they must stay home. Please call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or your GP if they have cold or flu symptoms for advice.
- Support contact tracing efforts by using the NZ COVID Tracer App QR Code posters at our door and wherever you go as well as turning on the bluetooth function.
- Support Wee Nippers practices at home with regularly washing and drying hands, sneezing / coughing into elbows and equip your home emergency kit with face masks.
- Ensure stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days – [Ministry of Health information for self-isolation](#).

While we hope that it is not going to eventuate, please also be prepared that upon advice from the local medical officer of health, any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days.

We are awaiting any additional advice from Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health about continuing to provide a safe and healthy learning and work environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please keep an eye on your emails, StoryPark, our Facebook pages and this page for any updates.

We ask that you follow all government advice to the public. Please consider the potential impact on the whole community of not following this advice.

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