



## COVID-19 Update #11 to Wee Nippers Community

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Kia Ora to all of our families and whanau

What a journey this has been these past three months. While we are all keenly aware that there has been much sacrifice, a long winter to come and no guarantees that our zero COVID-19 cases situation won't change, it sure feels good to have reached this point. We made it to Alert Level 1!

For the most part Alert Level 1 is life back to normal with good hygiene practises and people who are unwell staying away remaining a priority.

Yesterday the Ministry of Education confirmed that we are not required to keep a contact tracing register beyond our daily tablet sign ins. So, we will lift the single drop off and pick up contact requirement as caregivers will use their own personal PIN and this will give us good contact tracing records.

With no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events, we will begin to consider outings and special Centre gatherings again.

We have looked at our cleaning and hygiene practices and we'll continue our elevated procedures. We are at the start of winter and it is noticeable that compared other years, everyone's adherence to staying home when sick and washing hands and other hygiene measures is making a real difference to everyone's health and resilience.

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

- If your child is sick, they must stay home. Please call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or your GP to get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms.
- Support Wee Nippers practices at home with regularly washing and drying hands, sneezing / coughing into elbows.
- 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](#).

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'll be supporting contact tracing efforts by displaying QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App.

Over the next weeks we will be sending you a survey to get your thoughts on how the past three months have gone. While no-one wants to go back up the Alert Levels, if we do, we want to be ready to react with the best possible planning in place.

We're really proud of how our whole community has come together over this time. You have supported us and it's been so great to be back together at Alert Levels 3 and 2. We have some great memories recorded, shared and now archived on StoryPark, in Learning Journals and in artwork in the Centres. And when we were apart, but together, it really felt like the Wee Nippers community stayed strong and kind.

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