

Pānui Special Edition

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā - 13 September 2022



Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Public Holiday - Monday 26 September

Yesterday the Government confirmed that a Public Holiday (one off) will occur on Monday 26 September 2022. This means that the **school and kindergarten will be closed on this day** and we are not able to provide child care on site.

Ministry of Education Update - Covid-19

The Government has announced that Aotearoa New Zealand will move to a new long-term approach to managing COVID-19. The key change is the removal of the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights), which will take effect tonight (Monday 12 September) from 11:59pm.

This decision to move away from the traffic lights of the COVID-19 Protection Framework has been made based on public health advice and reflects high levels of immunity in our communities and declining case numbers, which in turn has seen declining demand on the health system from COVID-19.

The two key changes impacting education providers are:

- **The removal of the requirement for household contacts to isolate. Instead, they will be asked to test for COVID-19 for five days.**
- Masks are no longer required on public transport or school transport and in line with other mask changes, **they are no longer strongly recommended in school settings.**


Positive cases remain legally required to isolate for seven days. Anyone who is symptomatic, including household contacts, should stay at home and get tested for COVID

Free Masks and Rapid Antigen Tests are available from the school office.



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