



23 February 2021

Dear Parent, Student and Staff Member

### **One COVID-19 case at Papatoetoe High School**

Another student has tested positive for COVID-19 this morning so the school will close this evening, until further notice.

**The Ministry of Health is requiring everyone in the school community – students, staff, brothers and sisters and all household members – to stay at home.**

**Students and staff who got tested BEFORE yesterday, MON 22 FEB, are asked to get tested again.**

Everyone in a Papatoetoe High School household needs to remain at home until all students and staff members have had a negative result from a test taken this week.

This means that everyone in the school community must stay away from work or any other school or educational facility until all the students or staff members in their own household have had a negative test result. This includes the supermarket, or any other place outside the home.

**Students and staff will need to have a negative test result from a test taken on or after Monday 22 February before they can attend school. There will be further information on when the school will reopen.**

There will be testing at the school this week, or you can go to a community testing centre. For information on testing locations in Auckland, visit [www.arphs.health.nz/covid19test](http://www.arphs.health.nz/covid19test).

Please quote this code **SURV-TM11SC1** when you go for testing.

**Any students, staff and household members with any symptoms** should call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 immediately for advice, and they should stay at home, even if they have had a negative test result.

### **Everyone should watch for the symptoms of COVID-19**

- New or worsening cough
- Fever
- Sore throat
- Temporary loss of smell or taste
- Difficulty breathing
- Runny nose.

Public Health has more information and fact sheets, visit the [COVID-19 page on www.arphs.health.nz](http://www.arphs.health.nz).

Thank you for your support in getting testing and in staying home.

Medical Officer of Health  
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