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Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava

With further cases confirmed yesterday, the Government announced that the whole of Auckland will move from Alert Level 1 to Alert Level 3 for 7 days from 6am this morning.

This decision was taken for two reasons – first it is not immediately clear how the latest person to test positive got infected and second, that person has visited several large sites while potentially infectious and it will take some time to identify and track down what could be a large number of people.

For us, Level 3 means, school is closed. Please stay home to protect your household bubble and where possible, keep your children home from school for this period.

Parents, if you are working from home, please keep your children at home, however, we will be open from tomorrow for the children whose parents have no other options in place whilst having to physically go in to work. We will have safety precautions in place to look after these students. Please email admin@greenbay.school.nz if we are to expect your child to attend school during this coming week.

We will activate our distance learning plan again from tomorrow. Our priority is to stay connected to you and our students. At this time, we'd like to acknowledge and praise our GBS teachers, some who are also parents with school aged children themselves. Whilst under Alert Level 3, our teachers are working from home, teaching to their classroom and at the same time can be parenting the learning of their own children. We appreciate the extra pressure this lock-down puts on everyone and we will do everything we can to support our staff, teachers, students and GBS whānau.

For all of our community, we need to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe. It's important we follow the rules; if you do have to go out, keep a 2-metre distance from people you don't know, wear your face mask and keep scanning the QR codes.

If you aren't sure if you have been to a place where someone with COVID has visited – please go to the Ministry of Health website for the 'Locations of Interest'. Check the date and time of each location listed in the table and if you were there at the same time, go to the right column on the right to see what you need to do.

COVID-19 symptoms can vary a lot with each person, so while we are familiar with the following symptoms:

- a new or worsening cough
- shortness of breath
- sneezing and runny nose
- fever (at least 38 °C)
- a sore throat
- temporary loss of smell

Some people may present with less typical symptoms such as only one of the following:

- muscle pain
- diarrhoea
- nausea/vomiting
- fever
- headache
- Confusion/irritability

If you or your whānau experience any of these symptoms, please contact your GP or Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice and get tested if advised to do so.

As the team at All Right? say: It's all right to feel over this right now but we all know what to do, we have done this before and we will do it again, together.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions otherwise, we will be in touch when we have further information to share.

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