



Somerfield Te Kura Wairepo COVID-19 Safety Plan - Orange Level

[COVID-19 Protection Framework.](#)

We take our precautionary measures very seriously at the school.

Health and Safety - For more detail see...

How you can operate at Orange	Flow Chart - Curriculum or Non Curriculum event
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COVID-19 Protection Framework	More info about the COVID-19 Protection Framework

CPF Key things that **schools and kura** need to know



Public Health Measures are applied across all CPF settings



Basic hygiene

Basic hygiene measures include good hand hygiene, cough, and sneeze etiquette, avoid touching your face, and regularly clean and disinfect surfaces.



Contact tracing

Schools are required to display QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App. They must also have other contact tracing systems in place, including an attendance register and visitor register.



Vaccination

Getting vaccinated is a key step to gain more protection against the virus. From 2 January 2022, only fully vaccinated staff and support people can have contact with children and students.



If you are sick - stay home and get tested

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home. Call your doctor or Healthline on **0800 358 5453** for advice about getting tested. Staff are to observe children on arrival, checking for symptoms. Those presenting as unwell will be asked to go home or arrange for parents or caregivers to come and pick up.



Indoor spaces must be well ventilated, opening windows and doors. If masks are used, make sure the system is working.



Case management across all CPF settings



Cases of COVID-19 in a school will continue to be managed across the framework. Schools will work with the Ministry of Education, following public health guidance, to identify who else may need to



Closing schools on site is an unlikely option at all colours of the framework. However,



Cases in school handled directly by public health system.

COVID-19 Protection Framework summary

Summary information for schools and kura about the COVID-19 Protection Framework (framework) and how to apply it in school settings.

Health measures common to all framework settings

Basic Hygiene

Includes good hand hygiene, cough, and sneeze etiquette, avoid touching your face, and regularly clean and disinfect surfaces. Use hand sanitiser at entrances to indoor spaces at Orange and Red.

Maintain good hygiene | Unite against COVID-19

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Schools connected to a confirmed case | Te Mahau.

Ventilation

Indoor spaces should be well ventilated, for example by opening windows, doors, and any vents. If mechanical ventilation is used, make sure the ventilation system is regularly maintained.

Ventilating schools | Te Mahau

Vaccination

The best way to reduce the risk of severe illness from COVID-19 is to be up to date with vaccinations.

COVID-19 vaccination | Unite against COVID-19

Somerfield Te Kura Wairepo

If you are sick

- As with the Red setting ,if unwell with symptoms, stay at home and get tested. If tested positive or a Household contact you must stay away for 7 days from the first symptoms or the positive test. Household Contact must test Day 3 and 7 and can return if there are no symptoms. Positive cases can return to school on Day 8.

Sick Children

- As we head into the winter flu season and with the opening of the borders schools have been told to prepare for flu, measles, respiratory illnesses along with Omicron and perhaps a new variant. Unwell children need to stay at home and through our APP we will be monitoring the patterns of wellbeing of our tamariki. **We will be sending home children who are unwell with symptoms. We will also provide you with RATs if you need them when you collect your child.**

Absences

- Please continue to post these on our APP giving the child's name, space and reason for absence. **Do so by 8:30am.** If they are sick with a **diagnosed** illness ie flu, measles, respiratory illnesses please state this in the reason so we can look for patterns and inform whānau if need be.
- If a child is COVID positive or a Household contact, please give the Day 0 date. This is the day they or someone in the household had symptoms or a positive RAT.

Returning to School

- With any illness, tamariki needs to be symptom free for 48 hours, this also includes COVID even if the child has been positive and completed their 7 days. Your help in this has contributed to low rates of COVID and other illnesses in our school.
- If a child has been a household contact they need to test Day 3 and then Day 7. If their test is negative on Day 7 they can return to school if **symptom free**.

Masks

- The Board has health and safety obligations to prevent as many children as possible from being infected or reinfected with COVID-19.
- This means that from next week masks will be compulsory for children from Year 4 to Year 6, and for all staff, and visitors to the school, except for those with a valid and current mask exemption.

Physical Distancing

- Collaborations will operate for some learning activities to ensure needs of students are catered for.
- Physical and cultural activities will now happen with physical distancing where possible and with ventilation.

Gatherings /Assemblies

- Ropu/ school assemblies will take place for **students and staff only** in the hall with ventilation
- Assemblies with visitors will not take place until a Risk Assessment is carried out as we cannot allocate seating with social distancing - 1 metre apart. Further information next term.
- Kapahaka and choirs can go ahead either outdoors or in spaces that are well ventilated spaces and with physical distancing where practicable.
- Outdoor gatherings can go ahead ie like the Cross Country

Trips

- These can go ahead under the Orange setting
- If tamariki are required to travel in cars or buses they and the helpers **will need to wear masks.**
- Some venues may also have wearing masks as a requirement.

We will operate our normal Risk Management requirements

Ventilation

We know that having ventilation is vital to protecting us from COVID. The classes will be heated but some windows and doors will be open so it is important your child is dressed to cope with this. Please ensure they are dressed in layers. They can always take something off! Please make sure all clothing is named as we continue to deal with the lost property mountain challenge.

These are just for staff and tamariki at this stage while we watch what is happening with rates of illness in school and the community. We will send you a link to watch in the meantime. Children will be able to have their sausage sizzle and dates will be in the newsletter.

Mandates

You will have seen that the government has lifted the requirements for mandates . Education settings are able to determine whether they wish to lift the mandates or not ,depending on their own circumstances. Mandates in schools have been for all staff with everyone being double vaccinated and having a booster shot. It also applies to all volunteers who are face to face with children in such situations as parent helpers, sport coaches, camp parents etc. At Somerfield we require a mandate or negative test on the day.

Health measures by framework setting

Measure	Green	Orange	Red
Face Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are encouraged but not required, when inside at school • Nurses in schools and other health professionals will need to follow their own industry guidance for using PPE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn when indoors. • Masks are strongly recommended to be worn at indoor gatherings with large numbers of students. • For all ākonga aged 12 years and above, masks are mandatory on school transport. • Nurses in schools and other health professionals will need to follow their own industry guidance for using PPE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks must be worn when indoors by ākonga receiving education in Years 4 and above and any staff member working to provide, or support the provision of, that education. • Masks are not required to be worn in schools by staff or students, for Years 1 – 3. • For all ākonga Year 4 and upwards masks are mandatory on school transport. • Nurses in schools and other health professionals will need to follow their own industry guidance for using PPE.

<p>Children with complex medical needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. · Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with the school to develop a plan to support attendance onsite. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. · Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with the school to develop a plan to support attendance onsite. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Children with complex medical needs, can seek advice from their health professional about whether it is appropriate to come to school. · Support for offsite learning will be provided for those who are advised to remain at home.
<p>Physical distancing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Physical distancing is not a requirement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Physical distancing is strongly encouraged, particularly from people you don't know. · In primary settings, if cases are proportionately higher in your community, consider whether classroom groupings are possible to minimise potential spread · Activities with large numbers of students, if they are to go ahead, should take place in well-ventilated areas or outdoors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Physical distancing and groupings should be observed where practicable. Consider assigned seating plans. · Beyond classroom groupings physical distancing of 1 metre when indoors should be observed wherever practicable. · Large groups of students meeting indoors should be avoided including assemblies, prize giving's and performances.

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- **Playgrounds can be used (maintain good hand hygiene) but consider rostering use by different groups to minimise congestion.**
- **Exercising, singing and use of wind instruments should be held outside wherever practicable or in well ventilated indoor spaces – these are higher risk activities when held indoors.**
- **Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment, but hygiene practices should be observed before and after playing with equipment.**
- **Physical distancing is not possible in some activities. In these situations, extra emphasis on handwashing and drying before and after activities.**

Curriculum related activities - including technology centres, examinations, assemblies

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- If Risk Assessment indicates higher risk for your community, consider how you might limit any large indoor gatherings.

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- Activities with large numbers of students should not go ahead unless held outdoors.
- It is strongly recommended that assemblies do not go ahead at Red.
- Where other students are coming onsite for learning, 1m physical distancing should be applied where practicable.
- Examinations should have 1.5m physical distancing.

Non-curriculum related events and activities

- There are no specific requirements at Green.

- Activities need to meet the requirements for **events and gatherings** under the framework when onsite and offsite.
- There are no indoor capacity limits. You are strongly encouraged to use allocated seating for large events (such as those with more than 500 people) or apply a maximum capacity limit based on the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was one metre apart.
- Workers at indoor events and gatherings are required to wear masks.
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External students onsite for inter-school activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students from other schools are permitted to be on site and must follow all health measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students from other schools are permitted to be on site and must follow all health measures. Large gatherings should be held outdoors or in well ventilated spaces For non-curriculum related activities, schools should follow any rules and guidance for events and gatherings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No external students onsite for non-curriculum related inter-school activities. For curriculum related activities, if they do go ahead, physical distancing of 1 metre should be observed wherever practical.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions, on numbers of visitors on site, but they should be captured in a visitor register as is normal practice. They must also meet any other health requirements applicable at the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions, on numbers of visitors on site, but they should be captured in a visitor register as is normal practice. All visitors, including parents and caregivers, if they do come onsite, are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when indoors. They must also meet any other health requirements applicable at the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No non-essential visitors on site. All visitors, including parents and caregivers, if they do come onsite are required to wear a mask when inside Consider how you might monitor entrances to minimise non-essential visitors from coming on site. One entry point may be the most practical way to manage visitors, coupled with staggered starts to reduce congestion.

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Music, instruments, singing etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practices and rehearsals can go ahead – physical distancing of one metre is recommended where practicable especially for higher risk activities such as singing and using wind instruments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practices and rehearsals can go ahead – physical distancing of one metre is recommended where practicable especially for higher risk activities such as singing and using wind instruments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singing or using wind instruments should be held outdoors where possible as are a higher risk for transmission. If holding these activities indoors, it must be in a well-ventilated space and participants should be 2 metres apart.
Support services and agencies on site Eg, Ministry of Education, Education Review Office, NZQA, Police, Fire, Mobile Dental units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions, but they should be captured in a visitor register as is normal practice. They must also meet any other health requirements applicable at the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions, but they should be captured in a visitor register as is normal practice. They must also meet any other health requirements applicable at the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential services should continue onsite including learning support services and other essential Ministry functions Minimise attendance on site for non-essential services as much as possible. Those on site should be captured in a visitor register as is normal practice.

Teaching across schools and groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Staff can work across more than one group/class of students within the school. · Staff such as itinerant music teachers and relief teachers will be able to work across different schools. · As with all staff, they should closely monitor for symptoms, stay home if unwell, get tested if symptomatic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Staff can work across more than one group/class of students within the school. · Staff such as itinerant music teachers and relief teachers will be able to work across different schools. · As with all staff, they should closely monitor for symptoms, stay home if unwell, get tested if symptomatic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Minimise as much as possible, staff working across groups/classes of students. · Staff such as itinerant music teachers and relief teachers should avoid working across different schools, if possible. · As with all staff, they should closely monitor for symptoms, stay home if unwell, get tested if symptomatic, use the COVID-19 tracer app.
Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Operate as normal. 		
Shared supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Shared supplies and equipment can be used if students and staff are undertaking regular hand washing and staying away if sick. 		
Drinking fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · OK to use at any framework setting. Follow usual safety precautions (regular cleaning, don't touch mouth to metal, wash hands regularly). 		

Food preparation

If you prepare food onsite you must check the MPI guidance on food safety and ensure your school and any suppliers meet all health and safety requirements.

Food should be eaten outside wherever practicable at Red.

MPI guidance on food safety

Managing in an emergency

Fire alarms and other emergencies may require you to either evacuate your buildings or move everyone inside. The priority in these situations is keeping students and staff safe from the threat arising through the emergency event – fire, flood, earthquake etc.

You will also need to ensure your health and safety plan can respond to other accidents or issues that may be faced in regard to health and safety, particularly if there are smaller numbers of staff on site. This includes having sufficient staff with first aid experience.

You should continue to operate practice drills as normal at green, orange and red.