



26 February 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian

School reopens on Monday 1 March

Staff and students need a negative test result from this week to attend

Auckland Regional Public Health Service has confirmed that Papatoetoe High School is safe to reopen on Monday.

With more than 1200 tests this week, we appreciate this enormous effort from everyone to keep the community safe.

There are fewer than 100 students without a test result from this week, and we ask that anyone who has not been tested again, do so today or the weekend.

We do require that **all students and staff have a negative result from a COVID-19 test taken this week – on or after Monday 22 February – before they can return to school.**

Once the students or staff in a Papatoetoe High School household have had a negative test result taken this week, then everyone in that house are free to leave self-isolation, if they have no symptoms.

You can go to a Community Testing Centre during the weekend. Please see the locations and times at <https://www.arphs.health.nz/covid19test>, or call Healthline: 0800 358 5453.

Your child should take this code when getting tested: **SURV-TM11SC1**. This is a unique code, please do not share it outside of the school community.

The school environment is considered safe as it has had additional cleaning and it has also been closed for two weeks.

While there have been new COVID-19 infection in whanāu associated with the school, these were expected as they live in the same households as cases. We have not seen any more students with COVID-19, only the three current cases.

The service wants to thank everyone in the school community for their patience and understanding and for their efforts getting tested, and then retested this week.

Kia pai koe tō mahi

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