



Fairfield College

Fairfield College Safety Plan in Alert Level 3

when bringing Year 11-13 students on-site (Student and whaanau)

While Fairfield College remains at Alert Level 3, everyone is required to stay at home except for essential movement (which includes travelling to an education entity). However, the public health assessment is that given the higher levels of vaccination and lower risk in school environments, all students in Years 11-13 are able to attend onsite, with a range of precautions in place.

Fairfield College will open for Year 11 -13 students *from 9:30am on Wednesday October 27.*

Students in Years 1-10 will remain learning from home, with the exception of those students who do not have an appropriate carer at home.

Public health measures at all alert levels

If a child or staff member is sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if a doctor or health professional recommends them to do so):

- Fairfield College staff will observe students/children and check for symptoms and ask those presenting as unwell to go to the reception area for possible isolation. If a student is exhibiting covid-19 symptoms their parents or caregivers will be contacted to come and pick them up. Please note, this does not mean that temperatures will be taken.
- The principal has the authority to preclude a student from attending if they believe on reasonable grounds they may have a communicable disease under section 77 of the Education and Training Act 2020. See [Guide to Legal Powers](#)
- Fairfield College will contact the local medical officer of health if there are any concerns about someone believed on reasonable grounds to be ill, refusing to stay away.

In addition, staff and students will:

- Encourage students to regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and not to touch their face
- If Fairfield College is connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 we may need to close to allow contact tracing and cleaning. The school will work with public health units to manage this and any direction to close will come from the Medical Officer of Health
- Fairfield College has in place a stringent self-isolation process for those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19– [Ministry of Health information for self-isolation](#)
- Fairfield College displays around the school QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App
- Fairfield College has in place a student attendance and visitor register that can be used as a contact tracing system.
- Fairfield College will strive where possible to keep classroom temperatures to the recommended 18 degrees. 18–20 degrees is a comfortable temperature, below that there is increased risk – from a cold workplace or school.
- Fairfield College will strive where possible to have our indoor spaces well-ventilated. Windows, doors, and vents will be opened. Where possible the teachers will also open windows during breaks and after school for as long as possible.

Vaccination

As Public Health experts have stated, vaccination and testing remain the key actions we can all take to keep ourselves, whānau, friends and community as safe as possible.

All eligible students and staff are encouraged to get vaccinated. The school is working with the District Health Board to provide opportunities for students to be vaccinated at school.

All staff and workers (paid and unpaid) who may have contact with students (regardless of COVID-19 Alert Level) will be required to have a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

- [COVID19.govt.nz– Your vaccine questions answered](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/your-vaccine-questions-answered)
- [Karawhiu.nz – Protecting whānau is what we do](https://www.karawhiu.nz/protecting-whānau-is-what-we-do)
 - [Health.govt.nz – COVID-19 vaccines](https://www.health.govt.nz/your-questions-answered/covid-19-vaccines)
 - [Healthpoint.co.nz – COVID-19 Vaccination](https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19-vaccination)
- [YouTube – Dr Ashley Bloomfield on the safety standards of the Pfizer / BioNTech vaccine](#)

Public health requirements and recommendations for schools with Year 11-13 students

Measure/risk	Alert Level 3 requirements
Overarching description/ implication for education	There is a medium risk of community transmission – and active but managed clusters. Fairfield College is able to open but must follow all public health measures.
Attendance on-site	All students in years 11 – 13 are able to attend on-site. All other students in years 1 – 10 will continue to learn from home, except for those students who do not have an appropriate person to provide care at home. Anyone who is self-isolating, or who has been advised by health authorities to remain at home while they wait for their COVID-19 test results must stay home.
Method of delivery for learning	On-site for years 11 – 13 and those students who do not have appropriate care at home. Distance learning will be provided for students in years 9– 10 and those required to self-isolate, waiting for a test result or choosing to remain at home because they are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
Children at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled who are not vaccinated)	Children at higher risk of severe illness are to remain home, where possible. Children with complex medical needs can also seek advice from their health professional about whether it is appropriate to come to school. Distance learning will continue to be available to those who are advised to remain at home. This also includes students that are required to self-isolate because of covid-19. Please advise and provide the school with a medical certificate if your son or daughter is in this situation. https://forms.gle/xDMFcXgYJMD8VMV6A

	Go to COVID19.govt.nz for further information
Washing and drying hands	Hand sanitisers are provided at entry to classrooms and in shared spaces where available. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands are provided in bathrooms. Students will be reminded that washing and drying hands with soap is still the most effective hygiene measure.
Physical distancing	<p>There are no bubbles required for students on-site in a stepped down level 3 setting. Although there are no specific physical distancing requirements inside or outside we will follow where possible a 1 metre distance strategy. A 2-metre distance rule will be followed for people that are not normally part of the school.</p> <p>Where possible, students in years 11 – 13 will remain separated from students on-site in lower year levels.</p> <p>Visitors, including parents and caregivers, should maintain a two-metre distance from those who are not part of their household bubble.</p>
Covid-19 test requirements for staff under alert level 3 –	<p>The school has set up a system that ensures that all staff will provide evidence of an initial negative COVID-19 test that has been administered within the last five days prior to their return to work on site (regardless of vaccination status). After this initial test, staff are required to provide a negative COVID-19 test every seven days (until they have received two injections of the vaccine).</p> <p>COVID-19 Public Health Response (Required Testing) Order.</p>
Face coverings	<p>Face coverings are required to be worn at Fairfield College by staff, visitors, and students when at Alert Level 3. The school has a limited supply of face coverings for staff and students for emergency situations.</p> <p>Staff and students are expected to provide their own face coverings.</p> <p>The only time that masks will not be worn in the school is when you are eating and drinking</p> <p>School transport will no longer be exempted from the face coverings requirements.</p> <p>Students aged 12 and above are therefore required to wear face coverings on school transport to align with the requirement to wear face coverings when on public transport.</p> <p>All visitors, including parents and caregivers, must wear face coverings when on school grounds.</p>
Cleaning	Fairfield College has systems in place to ensure that all surfaces are disinfected and cleaned daily.

Gatherings and congregating	<p>Fairfield College is not classified as a gathering. However specific health measures as summarised in this table, will be applied. Fairfield College will be following public health advice in that large groups of students meeting indoors will be avoided including assemblies, prize givings and performances. These events will not go ahead at Alert Level 3 or Level 2.</p> <p>Fairfield College will not organise events where we bring others on-site, including parents and caregivers, as adult to adult transmission remains the greatest risk.</p>
Physical and cultural activities/ playgrounds	<p>Fairfield College will endeavour to hold all physical exercise activities outdoors. If there is inclement weather the school gymnasiums will be used to hold physical exercise activities safely (physical distancing and hygiene practices to be followed). This will be reviewed.</p> <p>Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but hygiene practice should be observed before and after playing with equipment. There will also need to be regular cleaning of shared equipment such as balls, sticks etc.</p> <p>School sports courts will be open for students during alert level 3.</p> <p>Physical distance is not possible in some sporting activities. In these situations, extra emphasis on handwashing and drying (or cleansing with hand sanitiser) before and after activities and regular cleaning of equipment is important.</p>
Vaccine register	<p>Fairfield College is required to capture in a register the vaccination status for COVID-19 for students and staff (fully, partially, exempt or no information provided). This has been distributed to staff and students with a privacy statement.</p> <p>If a case is connected with Fairfield College, this information will be used by local Public Health authorities to support their rapid risk assessment, and will inform decisions about whether the school will need to close, and the duration of any closure.</p> <p>This data will also support targeted vaccination campaigns in our school community.</p>
Contact tracing	<p>Contact tracing remains a priority through our visitor register, timetable and attendance register, and staff google attendance sheet.</p> <p>To support contact tracing, we record all visitors who are on-site for a period of time, including parents and caregivers, in your visitor register (as is usual practice but also to assist if contact tracing is necessary).</p>

	<p>Only essential visitors should be on-site at Alert Level 3.</p> <p>Our visitor register will be kept for at least two months.</p>
Visitors	<p>No non-essential visitors on-site.</p> <p>Parents are required to make an appointment before coming on site.</p> <p>All visitors, including parents and caregivers, must wear face coverings when on school grounds.</p>
Food preparation	<p>Fairfield College has been informed by the MOE that student lunches provided by the Ka ora, ka ako programme meets the above requirements.</p> <p>Food will be eaten outside wherever practicable.</p>
Libraries	<p>The school library can be operated as the virus does not survive for long on paper and cardboard (less than 24 hours), so books and other paper and cardboard can be put aside overnight and used the next day by other students. Books with plastic sleeves should be wiped down with a disinfectant wipe before re-issuing the next day.</p>
External students on-site (for example, for music programmes or technology schools)	<p>No external students or non-essential staff are to be on-site.</p>
Shared supplies	<p>Shared supplies and equipment are able to be used if students and staff are undertaking regular hand washing and staying away if sick.</p>
Music, instruments, singing etc.	<p>For singing, participants must be outside and two metres distant from each other. No singing should take place inside.</p> <p>No sharing of musical instruments unless sanitised between use as per sports equipment.</p> <p>Wind instruments not to be shared and limited to home use.</p>
Drinking fountains	<p>Drinking fountains will be disabled during Alert Level 3.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles and appropriate health and safety considerations will be followed for their re-filling.</p>

