



23 August 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear church members

As you may be aware there is an outbreak of COVID 19 in the community and a person with COVID-19 has attended the St Therese Church at 10 Wickman Way Mangere East;

- The service was on **Sunday 15th August from 6pm - 7.30pm**

Those who attended the church service and tested positive and their household members are now in isolation.

If you were at this event, you are considered a **close contact** of COVID 19.

You must

- Stay in self-isolation for 14 days, ie until Sunday 29th August.
- Get tested for COVID 19 as soon as possible **and again on** Friday 27 August.
- Your household members also need to stay at home and not have visitors until your first test (DAY 5) comes back negative. They can resume life according to the alert levels if this test is negative, but you still need to stay in self isolation until Sunday 29th August.
- Watch for symptoms that may develop during this time as listed below.

You must do all these things even if you have been vaccinated against COVID 19, as no vaccine is 100% effective. While the vaccine protects against the worst effects of COVID, you could still get ill, or pass the virus to others.

Self-isolation means staying home and not going to work (even if you are an essential worker), or anywhere else unless you need to seek healthcare. It also means not having any visitors to your home. Please stay in your bubble, Here is a link to further [information](#).

We understand that 14 days of self-isolation is not easy, but it is very important to keep everyone safe. Government support is available to your families/aiga and will be offered by the Public Health Contact Tracing Team. Please **make sure** you let them know what you need.

Testing sites are listed [here](#) and are on the Auckland Regional Public Health Service website (see getting tested). **Please give the testing centre this code - SURV TM18CH3** when you get tested.

If you were at this event, and do not hear from the contact tracing team, please ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

There is a fact sheet for close contacts in English, Samoan and other Pacific languages on the [ARPHS website](#).

Symptoms of COVID 19 are:

- a new or worsening cough or sore throat
- a fever of at least 38°C
- shortness of breath
- temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- diarrhoea
- headache
- muscle pain or body aches

If you have any of these symptoms, please contact Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or your doctor, explaining someone with COVID-19 has attended church with you.

We will not be naming anyone with COVID-19 for privacy reasons and we would like you to not speculate on the identity of the members.

Yours sincerely

Medical Officer of Health

Auckland Regional Public Health Service