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Dear parent, caregiver or staff member

Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) has confirmed a parent of a student at Mt Roskill Grammar School has been diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19). The person attended the Fiafia event while they were at school and spent time with the Principal and Board chair.

As close contacts, the student, Principal and Board Chair are staying at home in isolation as a precaution, and are being supported.

Please understand that individuals are not considered at risk if they have been near someone who is a close contact – as the close contact does not have the disease. Contacts of close contacts do not have to take any action such as isolating themselves.

Please be reassured we consider there to be minimal risk to students, staff or others at the school.

We are not advising Mt Roskill Grammar School to close for a few days as has happened at Logan Park High School in Dunedin. This is only necessary when there is an actual case (a person confirmed with COVID-19) in the school itself. There is no confirmed case at your school.

The latest evidence shows that – unlike influenza - there is a very low risk that a person is able to transmit the virus before they have symptoms.

This is a significant update from the initial international views. Please be assured that we are providing our advice based on the most up-to-date information we have from here and overseas.

There will be commentary in social and other media. Please do not post any information identifying the student or the family on social media as this could lead to online abuse. [Netsafe](#) provides guidance on online behaviour.

For more information, visit the [ARPHS](#) or the [Ministry of Health](#) websites, or if you have health concerns around COVID-19 call Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

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