

Waikato Public Health has been notified of an exposure to COVID-19 at a service held at

St Columba's Catholic Church, 50 Rifle Range Road Dinsdale, Hamilton on Sunday 8/05/2022 from 10:00am – 11.20am

A member of your place of worship was present at the service during the infectious period of the illness.

From the information we have received we understand that most people who attend a church along with a person who is infectious with COVID-19 would be described as CLOSE CONTACTS.

Advice for CLOSE CONTACTS

During Phase 3 if you have been told you are a Close Contact, then:

- Self-monitor for symptoms for ten days from Sunday 8th May 2022
- If symptoms develop at any time, you need to get tested immediately using a Rapid Antigen Test.

Close Contacts are not required to isolate during Phase 3.

If you have been identified as a close contact, you may choose to change your behaviour based on personal circumstances. This could include working from home, not visiting vulnerable family or friends, or isolating if you choose to.

You can find advice here: <https://covid19.health.nz/advice/close-contact>

Regardless of guidelines for testing and self-isolation, any time you develop symptoms of COVID-19 stay at home and get a test.

As the religious leader we are asking that you disseminate the above information to your congregation.

For further information and advice please contact Healthline (0800 358 5453).

The latest guidance can be found at <https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>