

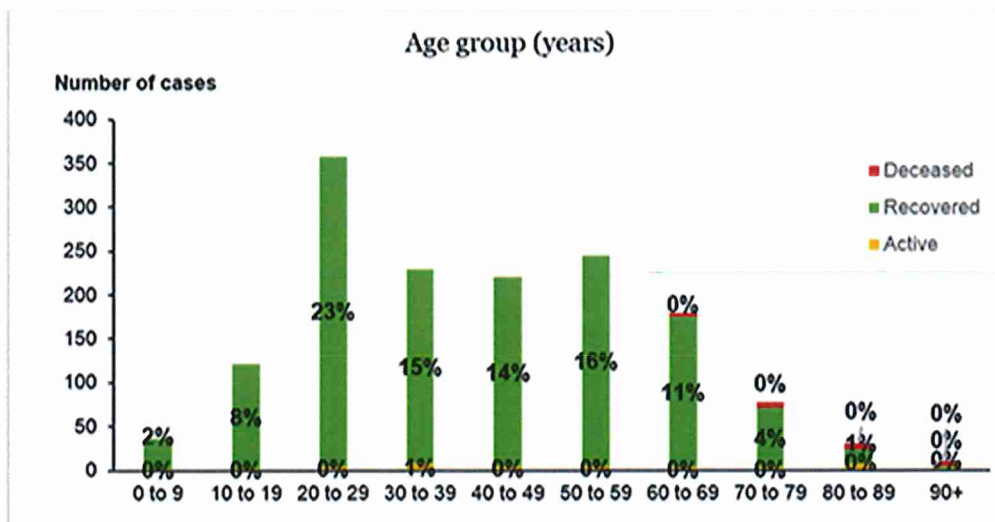
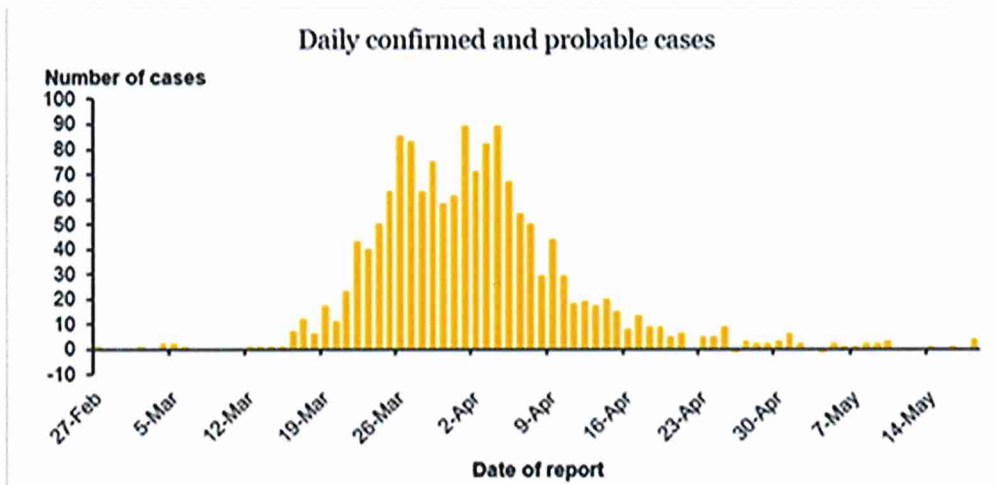
22 May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to all Waimate Centennial families for carefully considering your children's return to school. We have had a great first week back. Students and teachers are thrilled to be here. Everyone has been able to catch up with friends and re-establish the connections that are so beneficial for all our well-being.

We decided that it would be useful for everyone to see the results of public health information about COVID19 and our response to this.

Attached are graphs that show the daily number of confirmed and probable cases and note that the numbers are dropping rapidly.



Below is a table that shows the cases broken down by District Health Board region and when the last case was recorded. There are no active cases in our community. This information is also updated daily here;

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/covid-19-current-cases/covid-19-current-cases-details>

The table below is as at 19 May.

DHB	Active Cases	Date of last confirmed case
Auckland	4	1 May
Bay of Plenty	0	19 April
Canterbury	5	15 May
Lakes	0	17 April
Mid Central	0	9 May
Nelson Marlborough	1	29 April
Northland	0	16 April
South Canterbury	0	19 April
Southern	1	15 April

- The return to school has gone really smoothly and it has been brilliant to see how excited the children and young people have been to get back to their learning and socialising
- We know some of our families and whanau are still feeling a bit anxious about sending their children and young people back to school, which is understandable given everything we have been through these past 2 months, however we are here to support you
- It's really important children and young people do return to school, not just for their education but also their health and wellbeing
- Instances of Covid-19 in New Zealand are very low and here in South Canterbury we have 0 cases, with the last case reported on 19 April
- We're aware of concerns in our community that people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. The Ministry of Health has advised us that there is no instance in New Zealand of someone spreading the virus without ever having symptoms
- Our school is safe. Even though there is such a low risk of the virus getting in the school gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution for as long as we're at Alert Level 2

Nga Mihi Nui ki a koutou

Jonathan