

At Orange, there will be community transmission of COVID-19, with increasing risks to vulnerable communities, and pressure on the health system.

We are limiting disease spread and contamination at doctors surgeries with phone consultations and triage to assess safety for every patient in the first instance. Phone consultations will incur the same charges as an office visit, but if, having done a phone triage assessment, it is clear that you need to see a GP, then a normal GP consult can be arranged at no extra cost. Masks must be worn by all patients, at all times.

ALL Covid immunisations will continue as usual.

We will still be able to do repeat prescriptions, ACC, and WINZ forms, via a telephone consultation, but please arrange a face to face consultation if needed. Payment of accounts can also be made online and banking details can be found on this website.

It is important to know that in the majority of cases, and especially for those who are vaccinated, will have mild cold-like symptoms (eg; sniffles, headache, sore throat, cough) . You can usually safely manage and isolate at home using simple analgesia such as paracetamol and ibuprofen, keeping hydrated and lots of resting.

The present advice for those with Omicron is to self-isolate for 7 days. Please also read the Covid Household checklist to see if you are ready.