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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

Member for Vacluse



17 September 2021

Dear Resident

Today, the NSW Premier announced a home quarantine trial in NSW for fully vaccinated travellers arriving from overseas. The Prime Minister & NSW Premier's statement is below.

There is also information on \$287.5 million to further support vulnerable communities required to test & isolate with COVID symptoms, and an additional \$1.5 million for youth mental health services.

Earlier this week, the NSW Government also announced [changes to stay-at-home orders for parts of Regional NSW](#), and [lifted curfews for the LGAs of concern](#).

I've included statistics on our local COVID cases and vaccinations that I'm glad to hear you have found helpful.

Please enjoy the weekend

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gabrielle'.

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STATEMENT FROM PRIME MINISTER & PREMIER OF NSW

The NSW and Commonwealth governments will launch a home quarantine pilot in Greater Sydney next month, as NSW transitions towards opening up international borders.

The pilot, to be operated and monitored by NSW Health and NSW Police, will trial a seven day home quarantine program for around 175 people.

Participants in the pilot will have had both doses of a TGA-accredited COVID-19 vaccine.

The participants will be selected by NSW Health, based on a risk assessment framework, and may include some NSW residents, some non-Australian residents and some Qantas air crew.

The isolation period will be reduced from 14 to seven days.

The pilot program is being run in partnership with the Commonwealth Government and findings will inform future quarantine programs.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the pilot would help secure Australia's safe reopening plan.

"This is the next step in our plan to safely reopen, and to stay safely open," the Prime Minister said.

"NSW has carried the lion's share of quarantining returning Australians and will be leading the way with this trial that could set the standard for the next phases of the way we live with COVID-19.

"This could mean more families and friends being able to reunite more quickly, more business being able to be done here, and more workers for key industries being able to fill critical jobs."

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the home quarantine program is critical to bringing more Australians home while keeping the community safe.

"NSW has quarantined over 245,000 travellers throughout this pandemic, by far the most of any jurisdiction in the country and this pilot will lay the foundations for us to reunite even more families and friends who are fully vaccinated," Ms Berejiklian said.

"Hotel quarantine has been an important line of defence throughout this pandemic but as we move towards our vaccination targets, we have to look at new ways of doing things."

"The safety of the community remains our number one priority and the rules around this home quarantine pilot will be strictly enforced."

NSW will utilise a mobile phone app based on that already in use in South Australia. The app uses geolocation and face recognition technology to monitor isolation compliance. The app will also provide people with a testing schedule and symptom checker.

Privacy will be protected through the same mechanisms as the current Service NSW check-in regulations.

Random in-person police checks will also be conducted, and the existing penalties for individuals who breach conditions of their isolation still apply.

The Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer has discussed the pilot's arrangements with the NSW Chief Health Officer and supports the shortened quarantine period proposed for this pilot and for the proposed cohort of fully vaccinated travellers, vaccinated with a TGA approved vaccine.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said improving vaccination rates mean a home quarantine trial is now a viable option.

"As more people around the world and here in NSW get vaccinated, we can start to consider things that make lives easier, like home quarantine," Mr Ayres said.

"NSW looks forward to reopening and to accepting a greater number of international arrivals.

"Now is the ideal time to pilot a home quarantine solution as we transition towards opening up."

The pilot will run from later this month and operate for four weeks.

Expanded COVID Support for our Vulnerable Community

An additional \$287.5 million has been announced to support workers required to test and isolate with COVID symptoms and vulnerable communities across NSW. The funding commitment includes:

- Expansion of the emergency hardship, one-off payment of \$400 administered by the Red Cross, to temporary visa/no visa holders in NSW facing severe financial hardship.
- Expansion of the \$320 test and isolate payment state-wide for eligible workers aged 17 and over, who have symptoms of COVID-19 and are required to get tested and isolate.
- Community supports grants which have been expanded across NSW to help organisations deliver emergency food relief, promote vaccination and testing services, and provide culturally appropriate support and care to diverse communities.

\$1.5 Million to Enhance Youth Mental Health Services

The NSW Government has invested \$1.5 million to expand digital mental health support for young people through the Moderated Online Social Therapy (MOST) platform, designed by youth mental health organisation Orygen. MOST will be embedded in eight eligible youth mental health services across NSW and can be accessed 24/7 from mobile phones, tablets, computers and other devices.

The Care and Connect Hub is also providing practical and targeted support to students by age group - from pre-school to end of high school - with information and guidance on how and what students, families and staff can do to take care of themselves and others.

COVID-19 Statistics for the Vacluse Electorate

Source: NSW Government Website (accessed at 1:55pm 17 September 2021).
State-wide vaccination rates can be viewed here.

Post Code	Suburbs	Active COVID Cases	Vaccination Rate (1st dose/2nd dose)
2030	Watsons Bay, Dover Heights, Vaucluse, Rose Bay North	7	80-89% / 60-69%
2029	Rose Bay	8	80-89% / 60-69%
2028	Double Bay	5	70-79% / 50-59%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	2	80-89% / 60-69%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	24	70-79% / 50-59%
2025	Woollahra	2	70-79% / 60-69%
2023	Bellevue Hill	8	70-79% / 50-59%
2022	Bondi Junction, Queens Park	13	80-89% / 50-59%

Ten New Electric Buses and T4 Train Line upgrade for the Eastern Suburbs

NSW is on track to transform the state's bus fleet to zero-emission technology. As part of the rollout, [ten new Western-Sydney made electric buses will be coming to Waverley Bus Depot](#) later this year, to be used for travelling from suburbs like Bondi and Vaucluse into the City. It is the result of a successful trial I launched with the Transport Minister in March.

Our [T4 Eastern Suburbs train line will also get a \\$100 million upgrade](#) involving the installation of a new digital system which will allow trains to run more frequently and ensure a faster network recovery after incidents. This is great news for local residents who regularly use the train to get to Bondi Junction, the City or beyond.



This photo was taken in March 2021

The daily NSW Health COVID-19 update is below and you can keep up to date with COVID-affected venues [here](#).

The Service NSW Hotline on 13 77 88 is available 24/7 to support you with COVID related enquiries.



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NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 1,284 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Two cases were acquired overseas, and 16 previously reported cases have been excluded following further investigation. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 49,422.

Sadly, NSW Health is today reporting the deaths of 12 people with COVID-19 – six men and six women.

Two of these people were in their 20s, three people were in their 50s, one person was in their 60s, two people were in their 70s, three people were in their 80s, and one person was in their 90s.

Seven of the 12 people who died were not vaccinated, two people had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and three people were fully vaccinated.

A woman in her 20s from western Sydney died at Nepean Hospital. She had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

A woman in her 20s died at Gosford Hospital. She was not vaccinated. She was a resident of the Life Without Barriers group home in Wyong, where she acquired her infection.

Three people who died were residents of aged care facilities in Dubbo. A woman in her 80s died at the Holy Spirit aged care facility. She was fully vaccinated and is the first death linked to an outbreak at this facility.

A woman in her 90s, who was fully vaccinated, and a man in his 80s, who was partially vaccinated, died at St Mary's Villa aged care facility in Dubbo. There have now been three deaths associated with an outbreak at this facility.

Two people from western Sydney – a man in his 50s and a woman in her 80s – died at their homes and their COVID-19 infections were diagnosed following their deaths. Neither person was vaccinated.

NSW Health extends its deepest sympathies to their loved ones.

There have been 222 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021, and 278 in total since the start of the pandemic.

There have been 43,779 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this outbreak was reported.

There are currently 1,245 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 228 people in intensive care, 112 of whom require ventilation.

There were 155,334 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 129,266.

NSW Health administered 32,804 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including 4,776 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

Across NSW, 80.7 per cent of the over-16 population has received a first dose COVID-19 vaccine, and 49.6 per cent are fully vaccinated to 11:59pm on Wednesday 15 September 2021.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 8,603,460 with 3,150,963 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 5,452,497 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11:59pm on Wednesday 15 September 2021.

Of the 1,284 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 429 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 322 are from Western Sydney LHD, 141 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 129 are from Sydney LHD, 60 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 36 are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, 36 are from Northern Sydney LHD, 27 are from Central Coast LHD, 24 are from Hunter New England LHD, 17 are from Southern NSW LHD, 15 are from Western NSW LHD, five are from Far West LHD, one is from Murrumbidgee LHD, 11 are in correctional settings and 31 cases are yet to be assigned to an LHD.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 at Uralla overnight, and recently at the Gunnedah, Inverell and Hunter Karuah sewage treatment plants in Hunter New England LHD, the Coffs Harbour sewage treatment plant in Mid North Coast LHD, the Cowra sewage treatment plant in Western NSW Health LHD, the Young sewage treatment plant in Murrumbidgee LHD, and the Narooma sewage treatment plant in Southern NSW LHD.

No recent cases have been identified in these areas, so everyone is urged to monitor for the onset of symptoms, and if they appear, to immediately be tested and isolate until a negative result is received.

If you are directed to [get tested](#) for COVID-19 or [self-isolate](#) at any time, you must follow the [rules](#) whether or not the venue or exposure setting is listed on the NSW Health website.

It remains vital that anyone who has any symptoms or is a close or casual contact of a person with COVID-19, isolates and is tested immediately. When testing clinics are busy, please ensure you stay in line, identify yourself to staff and tell them that you have symptoms or are a contact of a case.

Please check the [NSW Government website](#) regularly, and follow the relevant health advice if you have attended a venue of concern or travelled on a public transport route at the same time as a confirmed case of COVID-19. This list is being updated regularly as case investigations proceed.

There are 500 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit [COVID-19 clinics](#) or contact your GP.

COVID-19 TESTING CLINICS

Residents are encouraged to get tested when they have even the mildest of symptoms. Here are some testing clinics in the local area with private testing also available via GPs:

- **Rushcutter's Bay Park Pop-up Clinic**, New Beach Road, Sir David Martin Reserve, Darling Point (8am-8pm 7 days)

- **Rose Bay drive-through Lavery Pathology**, Lyne Park, Vickery Avenue Car Park, Rose Bay (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **Bondi Beach drive-through Clinic**, Entry on junction of Campbell Parade and Beach Road (7:30am-9pm 7 days)
- **Bondi Junction Lavery Pathology drive-through and walk-through Clinic**, Level 2 carpark, 34 Waverley Street, Bondi Junction (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **Bondi Junction Respiratory Clinic**, 47 Spring Street, Bondi Junction (8am-11:45am Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm Saturday - [Appointments required](#))
- **Bondi Junction 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic**, 50 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction (8am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Sat-Sun)
- **St Vincent's clinic at the East Sydney Community Centre**, 34-40 Burton Street, Darlinghurst (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **Prince of Wales Hospital**, Building 14B Avoca Street, Randwick (9am-8pm 7 days)

To view all NSW COVID-19 clinics, please click [here](#).

[Information on NSW Public Health Orders and restrictions](#)

[Information on COVID-19 Vaccination in NSW](#)

[Information for NSW Businesses and Employees](#)

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