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**The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP**  
Member for Vacluse



**14 August 2021**

Dear Resident

Today, the NSW Premier announced the following changes to Public Health Orders in NSW on new compliance measures and fines.

The NSW Government also announced a \$40 million Hardship Fund for small commercial or retail landlords, extra funding to Karitane to support parents and new Curriculum Assistant Principals for all NSW Primary Schools to focus on literacy and numeracy.

Saturday, 14 August 2021

**INCREASED FINES, TEST AND ISOLATE PAYMENTS AND NEW COMPLIANCE MEASURES AS NSW BATTLES DELTA**

Increased fines of up to \$5,000 for COVID breaches, \$320 COVID-19 Test and Isolate Support Payments, permits to enter regional NSW and a heightened police presence will be introduced, as NSW continues to battle the Delta variant.

In addition, in Greater Sydney and other lockdown areas, the 10 kilometre rule will be reduced from 12.01am Monday, August 16, with shopping, exercise and outdoor recreation to be done in a person's local government area (LGA) or, if outside their LGA, within 5 kilometres of home. LGAs of concern must still exercise and shop within 5 kilometres from home only.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the vast majority of people are doing the right thing but there are a handful of people who are wilfully breaking the rules and putting the rest of the community at risk.

"The increased fines and heightened police presence are about ensuring people who are doing the wrong thing are caught and punished appropriately," Ms Berejiklian said.

Under the changes, there will be increased fines for Public Health Order breaches, a permit system to enter regional NSW and tightened rules for people in LGAs of concern to help reduce the spread of the Delta variant.

**Increased fines for Public Health Order breaches** (from 12.01am, Monday, 16 August):

- \$5,000 on the spot fine for breaching self-isolation rules;
- \$5,000 on the spot fine for lying on a permit (already a criminal offence);
- \$5,000 on the spot fine for lying to a contact tracer (already a criminal offence);
- \$3,000 on the spot fine for breaching the two person outdoor exercise/recreation rule; and
- \$3,000 on the spot fine for breaching rules around entry into regional NSW for authorised work, inspecting real estate and travelling to your second home.

**Permit system to enter [regional NSW](#) (from 12.01am, Saturday, 21 August):**

- Any person who wishes to travel to regional NSW for one of the following reasons must have a **permit** which will be made available on Service NSW.
  - a. [authorised workers from LGAs of concern](#);
  - b. Inspecting real estate. Any person inspecting real estate in the regions must now genuinely need a home to live in (no investment properties); and
  - c. Travelling to your second home. This is now only allowed if you are using the home for work accommodation or if the home requires urgent maintenance and repairs (if so, only one person may travel there).

**Changes for residents in [local government areas of concern](#):**

- From 12.01am, Monday, 16 August: only exercise and supervision of children allowed (no outdoor recreation);
- From 12.01am, Saturday, 21 August: People who live alone must now register their “singles bubble”. Registration will be made available on nsw.gov.au.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott said the NSW Police Force will also have an increased and more visible presence across Greater Sydney, backed up by 500 additional Australian Defence Force personnel.

“We’ve had to tighten the current public health orders because of the minority who exploited them. In the LGAs of concern it will no longer be acceptable to leave your home for outdoor recreation, meaning gathering at parks or outside takeaway shops or cafes is not on. Enough is enough. If you do it, you will get fined,” Mr Elliott said.

“Residents across Greater Sydney and lockdown areas can also expect to see enhanced random police checkpoints on roads, to ensure people are complying with the stay at home rules aimed to protect the community.”

NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller said the joint NSW Police Force and ADF operation – Operation STAY AT HOME – would commence on Monday, 16 August.

“These are some of the strongest powers we’ve ever had in the history of the NSW Police Force, as part of the government’s strategy to get in front of the virus in the coming weeks – it’s all about getting ahead of Delta, not chasing it,” Commissioner Fuller said.

“From this week we’ll be issuing \$5,000 fines to people and closing premises which continue to break the health orders. Don’t complain if this happens to you – police are over the rule breakers.”

In addition, eligible workers aged 17 and over who live in the [LGAs of concern](#), who

have symptoms of COVID-19, get tested and isolate until a negative result is returned, will be eligible for one \$320 payment in a four week period for lost wages.

The **'COVID-19 Test and Isolate Support Payments'** start next week and will help cover lost wages of casual workers but also those who may have exhausted their sick leave or carer's leave to isolate at home.

Those waiting on their test results will get the \$320 payment in their bank account within three business days of applying online at Service NSW.

There will also be a new **\$400 hardship payment payable through the Red Cross**, for temporary visa holders and others in the community who are ineligible for Government financial support.

Information on eligibility and how to apply will be made available at [nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

### **Extra Support for Commercial Tenants and Landlords**

The Government has announced a new [\\$40 million Hardship Fund to provide monthly grants of up to \\$3,000 for small commercial or retail landlords](#) who provide rental waivers to tenants. The *Retail and Other Commercial Leases Regulation (COVID-19) Regulation 2021* which mandates mediation and renegotiation of rent between landlords and tenants, has also been extended until 13 January 2022.

### **Karitane Support for Struggling Parents**

[Parents of newborns and toddlers impacted by the current COVID restrictions can access an expanded range of free virtual early childhood health services](#) funded by a \$348,000 grant to Karitane NSW. As a new parent, I was also so thankful for their services. CEO Grainne O'Loughlin runs an amazing organisation and, before COVID, I visited our local centre in Bondi Junction to lend my support to what they do

### **New Curriculum Assistant Principals for all NSW Primary Schools**

As part of a \$256 million investment, [every public primary school across NSW will receive a dedicated Curriculum Assistant Principal](#) to strengthen the focus on literacy and numeracy and support implementation of the new K-2 English and Mathematics syllabuses rolling out from 2022.

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

Please keep safe and don't hesitate to be in touch if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards





14 August 2021

### **NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS**

NSW recorded 466 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of these locally acquired cases, 121 are linked to a known case or cluster – 101 are household contacts and 20 are close contacts – and the source of infection for 345 cases is under investigation.

Seventy-six cases were in isolation throughout their infectious period and 19 were in isolation for part of their infectious period. Sixty-eight cases were infectious in the community, and the isolation status of 303 remains under investigation.

One new case was acquired overseas in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. Four previously reported cases have been excluded following further investigation, bringing the total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 12,903.

Sadly, NSW Health has been notified of the deaths of four people who had COVID-19.

- A man in his 70s from south western Sydney died at Liverpool Hospital.
- A man in his 80s from south western Sydney died at Concord Hospital.
- A woman in her 40s from northern Sydney also died at Concord Hospital.
- A woman in her 70s from south western Sydney died at Campbelltown Hospital.

NSW Health extends its deepest sympathies to their loved ones.

This brings the number of COVID-related deaths to 43 during the current outbreak, and the number of lives lost to 99 since the beginning of the pandemic.

There have been 7,337 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this recent outbreak was reported.

There are currently 378 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 64 people in intensive care, 29 of whom require ventilation.

There were 129,352 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 127,988.

Cases	Count
Confirmed cases (incl. interstate residents in NSW health care facilities)	12,903
Deaths (in NSW from confirmed cases)	99
Total tests carried out	10,687,674
Total vaccinations administered in NSW	4,908,840

NSW Health administered 29,397 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including 7,988 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 4,908,840 with 1,816,359 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 3,092,481 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11.59pm on Thursday, 12 August 2021.

Of the 466 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 166 are from Western Sydney LHD, 106 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 59 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 37 are from Sydney LHD, 30 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 26 are from Western NSW LHD, 16 are from Hunter New England LHD, 15 are from Northern Sydney LHD, five are from Central Coast LHD, two are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD and four currently have unknown addresses.

To protect the people of NSW from the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, restrictions will be extended for the Armidale Regional Local Government Area, including the towns of Armidale and Guyra, until 12.01am Sunday 22 August.

Following updated health advice from the Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant about the growing risk to the community, stay-at-home orders will apply to all people who live in these areas or have been there on or after 29 July 2021.

The rules for this area will be the same as those already in place across Greater Sydney, including the Central Coast, and Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Singleton, Dungog, Muswellbrook and Cessnock.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 at the Ballina and Broken Hill sewage treatment plants.

The Ballina sewage treatment plant serves about 31,100 people and the Broken Hill sewage treatment plant serves about 9,900 people.

These areas are of particular concern, as there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Ballina or Broken Hill. Everyone in these areas 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.

While there are known cases in Raymond Terrace, NSW Health is also urging local residents to be vigilant in the area as the Raymond Terrace sewage treatment plant has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19. The Raymond Terrace sewage treatment plant in the Hunter region serves about 35,000 people.

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 more than 420 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics> or contact your GP.

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### **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 Laverty 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-10pm 7 days)
- **Bondi Junction Laverty 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-10pm 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**

