

The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP



Member for Vaucluse

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Dear Resident

The NSW Premier announced an update to the vaccine rollout in NSW today which is below.

Please also note that from tomorrow, Tuesday 13 July 2021, **face masks will be mandatory in common indoor areas in residential buildings.** More information is available here.

Monday, 12 July 2021

NEW PHASE OF THE VACCINE ROLLOUT IN NSW

The NSW Government will enhance its contribution to the Federal Government's vaccine rollout to ensure maximum uptake both now, and as more supplies arrive.

NSW will prioritise teachers and aged care workers in the Fairfield, Canterbury Bankstown and Liverpool local government areas where there is greater concern of COVID-19 transmission. A vaccine hub will begin operating at Fairfield Showground this Friday to target these two groups.

NSW Health vaccination clinics and centres will now begin making the AstraZeneca vaccine available to people aged over 40.

And NSW will green-light pharmacies across the state to do the same.

Anyone aged 18-39 wishing to get the AstraZeneca jab, is encouraged to talk to their GP.

NSW has also approached the Federal Government to ask that any unused GP Pfizer vaccines be redirected to NSW health hubs.

These changes will be complemented with the opening of three new mass vaccination centres and a large vaccination clinic in the coming weeks, adding to the 100 NSW Health vaccination clinics and outreach locations across the state.

- A new vaccination clinic in the **Sydney CBD** will open on Monday, 19 July, and will have capacity to administer up to 7,000 vaccinations each week.
- A mass vaccination centre in **Belmont**, Lake Macquarie will open on Monday, 19
 July and will have capacity to administer up to 20,000 vaccinations each week.

- A mass vaccination centre at Macquarie Fields in Sydney's south-west will open by the end of the July and will have capacity to administer up to 20,000 vaccinations each week.
- A mass vaccination centre in Wollongong will open in August and will have capacity to administer up to 15,000 vaccinations each week.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the NSW Health vaccination sites complement the GP Network, which has and will continue to deliver the majority of COVID-19 vaccines across NSW.

"In NSW we have always had a sense of urgency about getting jabs in arms, but the current outbreak has shown just how important it is," Ms Berejiklian said.

"If we get sufficient supply, these new centres will allow NSW Health to vaccinate up to 200,000 people every week."

Health Minister Brad Hazzard encouraged everyone to book their appointment and get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible to do so.

"We will get through this outbreak if people follow the public health advice, but in the short and long-term, the very best way to protect yourself, your loved ones and your community long term is to get vaccinated," Minister Hazzard said.

To check your eligibility and book an appointment use the vaccine eligibility checker.

Extra Essential Equipment for our Schools

Over a thousand schools will have access to extra equipment to assist online learning for the start of Term 3 with the NSW Government having secured an additional 7,000 laptops and 5,000 dongles to support learning from home. This is in addition to the more than 13,000 devices and 8,000 dongles provided to students in 2020.

Schools will also receive more hygiene and safety supplies from today so they can operate in a COVID-safe way throughout Term 3. Deliveries are underway and all schools will receive a starter pack by today. In total, these include approximately:

- Masks 440,000
- Hand sanitiser 250,000 bottles
- Wipes 320,000 wipes
- Gloves 320,000 wipes
- Hand Soap 130,000 bottles

An additional 9.3 million masks will be sent to schools across the state by the end of next week.

The daily NSW Health COVID-19 update is below and you can check the full list of COVID-affected venues here.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards





12 July 2021

NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 112 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of these locally acquired cases, 64 are linked to a known case or cluster – 41 are household contacts and 23 are close contacts – and the source of infection for 48 cases remains under investigation.

Forty-eight cases were in isolation throughout their infectious period and 12 cases were in isolation for part of their infectious period. Thirty-four cases were infectious in the community, and the isolation status of 18 cases remain under investigation.

Four new overseas-acquired cases were recorded in the same period. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 6,170.

There have been 678 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in the Bondi cluster was reported.

There are currently 63 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 18 people in intensive care, four of whom require ventilation.

There were 46,478 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 48,754.

NSW Health administered 11,467 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including 5,532 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

NSW Health administered 131,401 vaccines in the week ending Sunday 11 July, including 47,978 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 2,703,690, with 1,053,060 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 1,650,630 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11.59pm on Saturday 10 July.

Of the 112 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 84 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 16 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 7 are from Western Sydney LHD and 5 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD.

While there are a large number of cases and exposure venues in south west Sydney, particularly the Fairfield area, we are now seeing cases of COVID-19 and exposure venues throughout many parts of Greater Sydney, particularly in retail settings.

People in Greater Sydney must stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary to leave. You should only be shopping for essential items and only leaving the house for as short a period of time as possible. We encourage people to shop online or use click and collect options. If you do leave home for an essential reason, remember to check in anywhere you attend.

Transmission in workplaces remains a concern. Everyone should work from home if possible. For essential workplaces:

- Limit the interaction and mixing of employees, prevent meetings and gatherings, and reduce the size of the groups
- It is mandatory to wear masks including indoors and outdoors on construction sites.
- Remind everyone in the workplace that they must not attend if they have even mild cold like symptoms. They need to get a test immediately and isolate until they get a negative result. They also need to check the NSW website every day for updated venues in case they are a contact.

We cannot have visitors to our homes, and everyone is reminded that your household only includes those who live with you, not any other family members.

We are asking people not to seek exceptions to the rules, but to ensure they comply with them, so we reduce the number of infectious cases of COVID-19 in the community.

Three cases reported to 8pm last night are linked to Imedic Icare Medical Centre in Fairfield.

Anyone who attended the Medical Centre on Thursday 8 July from 11am to 3pm, and Friday 9 July from 1pm to 6.30pm is a close contact and must immediately get tested and isolate for 14 days, regardless of the result, and call 1800 943 553 unless they have already been contacted by NSW Health.

Four further cases have been recorded to 8pm last night linked to a gathering at the Meriton Suites Waterloo on Saturday 26 June. These cases were contacts of people who attended the gathering and bring the total number of cases linked to this venue to 50.

NSW Health is working with residents of an apartment block in the Eastern Suburbs where eight cases of COVID have been identified in recent days across five different households.

These cases reinforce the need for everyone to wear a face mask in a shared foyer or lobby, lifts, stairwells and corridors, and shared laundry facilities of apartment complexes. This advice applies to everyone, including residents, visitors, building managers, concierge staff, contractors, delivery drivers and cleaners.

If you are directed to <u>get tested</u> for COVID-19 or <u>self-isolate</u> at any time, you must follow the <u>rules</u> whether or not the venue or exposure setting is listed on the NSW Health website.

Please check the <u>NSW Government website</u> 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.

NSW Health thanks the community for coming forward for testing. High testing numbers are vital in detecting cases of COVID-19 in order to prevent further transmission, and to keep our friends and families safe. We continue to urge anyone with even the mildest of symptoms to be tested immediately and isolate until a negative result is received. If symptoms appear again, be tested and isolate again.

There are more than 380 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 Laverty Pathology, Lyne Park, Vickery Avenue Car Park, Rose Bay (8am-10pm 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-10pm 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 7 days)
- 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

<u>Information for NSW Businesses and Employees</u>

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