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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP
Member for Vacluse



21 September 2021

Dear Resident

Today the NSW Government introduced a 'Friends Bubble' for children and teenagers aged 18 years and under to visit each other's homes, especially given it's school holidays.

The announcement is below as well information on the new Family Project website, extra funding for multicultural and vulnerable communities and grants for arts and cultural organisations for projects and equipment.

Statistics on our local COVID cases and vaccinations is also included.

Kind regards

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

Tuesday, 21 September 2021

FRIENDS BUBBLE' CREATED FOR CHILDREN TO ALLOW HOME VISITS IN TIME FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Children and teenagers aged 18 years and under will be able to create a 'friends bubble' to allow home visits provided the adults in their homes are fully vaccinated, under an easing of restrictions for school holidays.

From 12 noon today, 21 September, people aged 18 years and under who live in stay-at-home areas and areas of concern across NSW will be able to create a bubble of three friends and visit each other's homes for play and activity, subject to the following conditions:

- Each child is allowed to have two designated friends come to their house. These two friends must always be the same, creating a three-person "friends bubble";
- All people older than 18 years in all the households must be fully vaccinated;
- The friends must reside within 5km of each other or in the same LGA; and
- If parents/carers are dropping children off, they must not stay to interact with other parents or carers.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said our strong vaccination rate has allowed us to make this change to support the wellbeing of young people.

"Parents and children have had a difficult few months, trying to balance both work, often from home, as well as home schooling," Ms Berejiklian said.

"This change will hopefully make a big difference for families during the school holidays and allow young children and teenagers to catch up and reconnect with their friends."

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said at all times, the government has tried to strike a balance between the best possible health outcomes, whilst easing the pressures on families and individuals living in lockdown.

"These latest changes are aimed at giving children more opportunities to be together and balances COVID safety with their mental health and wellbeing," Mr Hazzard said.

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Sarah Mitchell said this change would also benefit older students, allowing them to create a study bubble ahead of the HSC.

"Year 12 students have had a stressful few months, and with the HSC approaching, a study bubble is a great idea to help students maintain motivation, receive support from a classmate and continue their preparation for the upcoming exams," Ms Mitchell said.

If you have not booked in for a COVID-19 vaccine [please book in as soon as possible](#).

For the latest information or to book a vaccination appointment visit nsw.gov.au/covid-19

NEW FAMILY WEBSITE FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A new online portal - *Family Project* - is now live, providing fun COVID-safe activities for families to do together during lockdown and the school holidays. The new website is a NSW Government collaboration with Gidget Foundation Australia and Tresillian, offering daily activity ideas. Click [here for Family Project](#).

EXTRA FUNDING FOR MULTICULTURAL & VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

[An additional \\$24.4 million is now available](#) for emergency food relief, and the promotion of vaccination and testing services in multicultural and vulnerable communities.

Applications for grants of up to \$250,000 are also open for organisations to develop innovative ideas to expand support services to multicultural and vulnerable communities impacted by COVID-19. Find out more [here](#).

HOME SHARE PROGRAM TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

[Woollahra-based Holdsworth Community will be the first to deliver a new NSW Government program designed to reduce homelessness](#) by matching older people living alone with young people looking for affordable housing. I'm so pleased that this great initiative will be piloted locally. More on the program [here](#).

\$60 MILLION CREATIVE CAPITAL GRANTS OPEN FOR ARTS & CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

[A \\$60 million Creative Capital Fund has opened for applications today](#) offering grants to arts and cultural organisations in two categories:

- Minor Works and Equipment Projects for grants from \$5,000 up to \$250,000; and
- Medium to Large Projects for grants from \$250,000 up to \$5,000,000

TRUMPER PARK GETS ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADE

New pedestrian pathways, cyclist ramps and stairs are coming to Trumper Park, Paddington through a \$192,000 NSW Government Metropolitan Green Space Program grant with co-funding from Woollahra Council. The funding will make it easier for everyone to enjoy the well-loved park.

FREE ONLINE EVENT TONIGHT - THE INAUGURAL EDMUND BARTON LECTURE - 'THE ROLE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'

As the first female NSW Attorney General, I'm speaking along with NSW Attorney General the Hon. Mark Speakman SC MP and NSW District Court Judge Hon. John Hatzistergos AM at a free virtual public event tonight - ['The Edmund Barton Lecture - The Role of the Attorney General'](#).

Join us live online at 5:30pm tonight through [this Webex link](#).



COVID-19 Statistics for the Vaucluse Electorate

Source: [NSW Government Website](#) (accessed at 1:40pm 21 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	6	80-89% / 60-69%
2029	Rose Bay	5	80-89% / 60-69%
2028	Double Bay	2	70-79% / 50-59%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	1	80-89% / 60-69%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	35	70-79% / 50-59%
2025	Woollahra	4	70-79% / 60-69%
2023	Bellevue Hill	10	70-79% / 50-59%
2022	Bondi Junction, Queens Park	10	80-89% / 50-59%

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 1,022 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

One case was acquired overseas, and 19 previously reported cases have been excluded following further investigation. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 53,709.

Sadly, NSW Health is today reporting the deaths of 10 people with COVID-19 – eight men and two women. NSW Health extends its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

One person was in their 50s, one person was in their 60s, two people were in their 70s, five people were in their 80s and one person was in their 90s.

Six people were from south western Sydney, one person was from western Sydney, one person was from south eastern Sydney, one person was from northern Sydney and one person was from Sydney's north west.

Of the 10 people who died with COVID-19, six were not vaccinated, two people had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and two people – a woman in her 90s and a man in his 80s, both with serious underlying health conditions – had received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Of the 10 deaths, a woman in her 90s from western Sydney is the third death linked to an outbreak at Hardi Guildford Aged Care Facility. She died at Westmead Hospital.

A man in his 80s from Sydney's north west died at Hornsby Hospital, where he acquired his infection.

A man in his 80s from south western Sydney, who died at Concord Hospital, acquired his infection at Canterbury Hospital.

There have been 255 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021 and 311 in total since the start of the pandemic.

There have been 48,061 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this outbreak was reported.

There are currently 1,266 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 244 people in intensive care, 118 of whom require ventilation.

There were 121,661 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 124,650.

NSW Health administered 35,216 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including 7,413 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

Across NSW, 82.5 per cent of the over-16 population has received a first dose COVID-19 vaccine, and 53 per cent are fully vaccinated to 11.59pm on Sunday 19 September 2021.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 8,981,188 with 3,274,263 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 5,706,925 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11.59pm on Sunday 19 September 2021.

Of the 1,022 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 368 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 226 are from Western Sydney LHD, 105 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 102 are from Sydney LHD, 50 are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, 44 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 40 are from Northern Sydney LHD, 27 are from Central Coast LHD, 18 are from Hunter New England LHD, nine are from Southern NSW LHD, seven are from Western NSW LHD, six are from Far West LHD, five are from Murrumbidgee LHD, one is from Northern NSW LHD, five are in correctional settings and nine 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 in sewage samples from Ballina and Wardell in northern NSW.

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.

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 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-9pm 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-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](#)

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