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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

Member for Vaucluse



13 July 2021

Dear Resident

The NSW Premier and Treasurer today announced a **funding package to support our NSW community, jobs and businesses** impacted by the current COVID-19 lockdown. That announcement is [here](#) and summarised below.

The Prime Minister also announced updates to the **Federal Government's COVID-19 Disaster Payment Fund** for NSW Residents and that announcement is [here](#). Further information will be available at [Services Australia](#).

The NSW COVID-19 Funding Package includes:

Businesses

- An extension to the previously announced [business grants program](#), providing eligible businesses with wages below \$10 million grants between \$7,500 and \$15,000 to cover the first three-weeks of restrictions.
- A new grants program for micro businesses with a turnover of between \$30,000 and \$75,000 which experience a decline in turnover of 30 per cent. The businesses will be eligible for a \$1500 payment per fortnight of restrictions.
- Additional scheme to provide cashflow support to businesses with fortnightly payments of up to 30% of payroll, to a maximum of \$10,000 per week (on the basis that they maintain employee headcount), and non-employing businesses up to \$1,000 per week.
- Payroll tax waivers of 25 per cent for businesses with Australian wages of between \$1.2 million and \$10 million that have experienced a 30 per cent decline in turnover, as well as payroll tax deferrals and interest free repayment plans.

Service NSW will be managing the business support programs above. Applications for the expanded business grants scheme will open on 19 July and the business cashflow support scheme on 26 July. Payments are expected to commence for the two programs from 23 and 30 July respectively. Further information will be available [here](#).

Residential and commercial land tax

- A capped grant of up to \$1,500 for residential landlords who are not liable to pay land tax, and who reduce rent for tenants.

- Land tax relief equal to the value of rent reductions provided by commercial, retail and residential landlords to financially distressed tenants, up to 100 per cent of the 2021 land tax year liability.

Residential, retail and commercial tenants

- Introduction of legislative amendments to ensure a short-term eviction moratorium for rental arrears where a residential tenant suffers loss of income of 25 per cent due to COVID-19 and meets a range of criteria.
- No recovery of security bonds, or lockouts or evictions of impacted retail and commercial tenants prior to mediation.

Sector-specific

- Deferral of gaming tax assessments for clubs until 21 December 2021 and hotels until 21 January 2021.
- A \$75 million support package for the performing arts sector to be administered by Create NSW.
- A \$26 million support package for the accommodation sector.
- \$12 million in additional funding for temporary accommodation for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- \$5.1 million in [NSW funding to support mental health](#).

With a number of Bondi Junction venues listed as COVID venues of concern, I encourage you to keep up to date with the full list of COVID-affected venues [here](#).

The daily NSW Health COVID-19 update is also included below.

The Service NSW COVID-19 Hotline on **13 77 88** is available 24/7 to assist you with COVID-19 questions. Please also don't hesitate to be in touch if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards



13 July 2021

NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 89 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of these locally acquired cases, 75 are linked to a known case or cluster – 59 are household contacts and 16 are close contacts – and the source of infection for 14 cases remains under investigation.

Fifty-five cases were in isolation throughout their infectious period and nine cases were in isolation for part of their infectious period. Twenty-one cases were infectious in the community, and the isolation status of four 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 6,263.

There have been 767 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in the Bondi cluster was reported.

Sadly, NSW Health today reports the death of a man in his 70s, who was a confirmed COVID-19 case. He was a resident of the eastern suburbs. NSW Health extends its sincere sympathies to his family.

There are currently 65 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 21 people in intensive care, four of whom require ventilation.

There were 49,055 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 46,478.

NSW Health administered 20,749 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including 7,482 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 2,728,897, with 1,073,809 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 1,655,088 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11.59pm on Sunday 11 July.

Of the 89 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 64 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 15 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, five are from Sydney LHD, three are from Western Sydney LHD, one is from Northern Sydney LHD and one is from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD.

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.

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 Government website every day for updated venues in case they are a contact.

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.

One further case has been recorded to 8pm last night linked to an apartment block in the Eastern Suburbs. Nine 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.

NSW Health has worked with the residents and strata management to assess the situation and, in collaboration with other agencies, is implementing measures to address infection control and the health and welfare of residents.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 in a number of sewerage systems in Sydney. Of particular concern is a detection at Ropes Creek, which has no known cases.

Ropes Creek sewage treatment plant serves about 77,000 people in suburbs including Minchinbury, Dharruk, Hassall Grove, Blackett, Bidwill, Plumpton, Oakhurst, Hebersham, Emerton, Ropes Crossing, North St Marys, St Clair, Oxley Park, Colyton, Mount Druitt, Rooty Hill, Lethbridge Park, Tregear, Whalan, Erskine Park, Shalvey, Willmot, Shanes Park, Marsden Park, St Marys and Eastern Creek.

People in these areas are asked to be especially vigilant for the onset of any cold-like symptoms, and if they appear, to be tested immediately 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.

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.

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 testing 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](#)

Information for NSW Businesses and Employees

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