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



12 January 2022

Dear Resident

I hope you are enjoying the holiday season as best as you can. It continues to be a difficult time as we all try to keep safe and healthy.

The Premier made an announcement today about rapid antigen testing. People who test COVID-19 positive through a rapid antigen test must now notify Service NSW through the Service NSW app. The Premier's announcement is below with further details.

I've also included today's NSW Health update and updated information on our local PCR testing clinics.

If you have any questions relating to COVID-19, the Service NSW Helpline can assist on 13 77 88.

Please keep safe.

Kind regards

A blue ink handwritten signature of Gabrielle Upton, written in a cursive style.

Wednesday, 12 January 2022

## **REGISTER POSITIVE COVID TEST RESULTS WITH SERVICE NSW**

Anyone who tests positive using a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) will now be required to register their result with Service NSW.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the new registration process was an important part of managing the pandemic.

“NSW residents can register their result with just a few clicks on the Service NSW website or by using the Service NSW app,” Mr Perrottet said.

“Registering your RAT result enables NSW Health to provide you with advice on self-isolation and managing COVID-19 symptoms at home, to connect high risk people to clinical care services and to help inform the ongoing public health response.”

Most people do not need a PCR test to confirm they are positive for COVID-19.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the reporting of a positive RAT will be required under a public health order.

“Ensuring individuals are connected to the appropriate public health advice and keeping a watch on trends is the prime purpose,” Mr Hazzard said.

If you are under 65 years of age, have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, do not suffer from any chronic health conditions and are not pregnant, you may be able to safely manage COVID-19 at home.

Customer Service and Digital Government Minister Victor Dominello said privacy would be at the forefront of this new feature.

“This technology has been built with trust and security at its core. Service NSW will send the information directly to NSW Health, it isn’t shared with any third parties, and is then deleted from Service NSW records within days,” Mr Dominello said.

“There are more than seven million Service NSW account holders but we’re also committed to making this process inclusive for those without that access. Those who need assistance can contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.”

Most people with COVID-19 will have a mild illness and will recover in a few days or so, with some people having no symptoms at all.

Please contact your GP or call the NSW Health COVID-19 Care at Home Support Line on 1800 960 933 if you are pregnant, or if you have a chronic condition.

For the most up-to-date COVID information visit [nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au)

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## NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

To Monday 10 January across NSW, 95.1 per cent of people aged 16 and over have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 93.7 per cent have received two doses.

Of the people aged 12 to 15, 81.6 per cent have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 78.1 per cent have received two doses.

Of people aged 5 to 11, 1.8 per cent have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 14,135,854 with 4,526,842 administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 9,669,012 administered by the GP network, pharmacies and other providers to 11.59pm on Monday 10 January 2022.

NSW Health encourages everyone who is eligible to book into a NSW Health vaccination clinic or another provider without delay through the [COVID-19 vaccine clinic finder](#).

Booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine are now available for people aged 18 and over. People aged 18 years and over are eligible for a booster if they had their second dose at least four months ago. We urge people to get their booster dose as soon as they are eligible, to best protect themselves, their loved ones and the community from the ongoing transmission of COVID-19. We also strongly recommend that people aged 12 years and over who are severely immunocompromised have a third primary dose of vaccine from two months after their second dose.

NSW Health vaccination clinics across the state are now administering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to children aged five to 11 years old. NSW Health is encouraging parents and caregivers to make a booking for vaccination at any NSW Health vaccination clinic, at a general practitioner, or a community pharmacy.

Sadly NSW Health is today reporting the deaths of 21 people with COVID-19; 17 men and four women.

Seven of these deaths have been included following the conclusion of coronial investigations – four since 23 December 2021, one from September 2021 and two from October 2021.

One person was aged in their 30s, one person was aged in their 40s, two people were aged in their 50s, four people were aged in their 60s, six people were aged in their 70s, four people were aged in their 80s, two people were aged in their 90s and one person was aged 100+.

Of the 21 people who died; 12 were vaccinated, eight were not vaccinated and one person had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Four people were from south western Sydney, four people were from the Northern Beaches, four people were from south eastern Sydney, one person was from Inner Sydney, two people were from western Sydney, two people were from the Newcastle area, two people were from the Wollongong area and two people were from northern Sydney.

NSW Health expresses its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

There are currently 2,242 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 175 people in intensive care, 54 of whom require ventilation.

There were 134,411 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 71,325.

NSW recorded 34,759 new cases of COVID-19 detected by PCR testing in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. As increasingly people follow NSW Health's advice to use rapid antigen tests for diagnosing COVID-19, the number of PCR tests will underestimate the true number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19.

118 COVID-19 cases have been excluded following further investigation, bringing the total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 535,836.

People are at risk of developing COVID-19 for 14 days after they were last in contact with a COVID-positive person, so it is important to take precautions during this time. While most of the people who will become positive do so within the first week after exposure, around a quarter develop their infection in the following seven days. If you have had a high-risk interaction with someone who has COVID-19, it is important to exercise caution and avoid high-risk settings and large indoor gatherings for 14 days after you last had contact with them.

Of the 34,759 cases reported to 8pm last night, 7,350 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 5,394 are from Western Sydney LHD, 3,911 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 3,410 are from Hunter New England LHD, 3,237 are from Northern Sydney LHD, 2,522 are from Sydney LHD, 2,169 are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, 1,345 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 1,054 are from Central Coast LHD, 962 are from Northern NSW LHD, 809 are from Western NSW LHD, 681 are from Murrumbidgee LHD, 467 are from Southern NSW LHD, 452 are from Mid North Coast LHD, 37 are from Far West LHD and 959 are yet to be assigned to an LHD.

If you are directed to [get tested](#) for COVID-19 or [self-isolate](#) at any time, you must follow the self-isolation [rules](#).

If you have any [COVID-19 symptoms](#) it is still important that you have a test and self-isolate until you receive a negative test result.

There are 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.

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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:

- **Bondi Junction Respiratory Clinic**, 47 Spring Street, Bondi Junction (9am-5pm Mon-Fri & 9am-11:30am Sat - [Appointments required](#))
- **Bondi Junction 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic**, 50 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction (8am-12pm Wed-Fri & 8am-6pm Mon)
- **Rose Bay drive-through Laverty Pathology**, Lyne Park, Vickery Avenue Car Park, Rose Bay (8am-12pm Sun-Fri)
- **Bondi Beach drive-through Clinic**, Entry on junction of Campbell Parade and Beach Road (8:30am-2pm 7 days).
- **Prince of Wales Hospital**, Building 14B Avoca Street, Randwick (9am-7pm 7 days)

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

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

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