

The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP



Member for Vaucluse

30 November 2021

Dear Resident

The NSW Government today introduced further precautions to help manage the Omicron variant. The details are included below.

On Sunday, I joined Dover Heights Shule and dozens of local residents for Chanukah in the Park at Dudley Page Reserve. It was a great community event with an outdoor concert and we lit giant menorah to celebrate the start of Chanukah.

Applications are also open for the Multi-sport Community Facility Fund for the construction of multi-sport venues and for Small Business Month event grants.



The daily COVID-19 NSW Health update is below as well as local testing clinics.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards



Tuesday, 30 November 2021

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MANAGE THE OMICRON VARIANT

The NSW Government will maintain measures and increase penalties for non-compliance as it continues to take a precautionary approach to quarantine arrangements for overseas arrivals in line with additional national border security measures by the Australian Government.

Consistent with Commonwealth measures, all travellers arriving in NSW who have been in South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Eswatini and Malawi during the 14 day period before their arrival in NSW must enter hotel quarantine for 14 days, irrespective of their vaccination status.

All other overseas travellers must complete a PCR test and isolate for 72 hours at a nominated address or accommodation. People will only be able to exit isolation at the end of the 72 hour period if they have received a negative result. After exiting isolation people must complete an additional PCR test on day six after arrival and comply with the NSW Health guidelines for recent fully vaccinated arrivals.

To help protect the community, the NSW Government will increase penalties for non-compliance with the isolation, testing and quarantine requirements to \$5,000 for individuals (from \$1,000) and \$10,000 for corporations (from \$5,000). This will take effect tomorrow.

These rules will take effect from December 1, 12.01am.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the measures were a necessary precaution to help keep people safe until more was known about the Omicron variant.

"We are well prepared here in NSW but it is important we take the necessary steps to protect the community and adopt measures that will allow us to learn to live with COVID," Mr Perrottet said.

"We will continue to make any necessary changes as we receive updated information. Our overriding message, as always, is to continue to get vaccinated. It is still the best way to protect yourself and your family."

The full measures will include:

- In line with Commonwealth measures, all travellers arriving in NSW who have been in South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Eswatini and Malawi during the 14 day period before their arrival in NSW must enter hotel quarantine for 14 days, irrespective of their vaccination status;
- All travellers who have been in any other overseas country during the 14 day
 period before their arrival in NSW must travel directly to their place of residence
 or accommodation and isolate for 72 hours. They will only be able to exit isolation
 at the end of the 72 hour period if they have received a negative result. People
 must also complete a PCR test on day six after arrival;
- All flight crew who have been overseas during the 14-day period before their arrival in NSW must comply with requirements for overseas returning travellers, until their next flight;
- Anyone who has already arrived in NSW who has been in any of the eight African countries within the previous 14 days must immediately get tested and isolate for 14 days, and call NSW Health on 1800 943 553;
- From Wednesday 1 December, penalties for compliance with the isolation, testing and quarantine requirements will increase to \$5,000 for individuals (from \$1,000) and \$10,000 for corporations (from \$5,000);
- All unvaccinated travellers from any overseas country will continue to enter hotel quarantine.

Minister for Health Brad Hazzard said booster shots were still an important part of staying safe.

"If you are eligible for a booster, please make the booking and get the jab. As we continue to reopen and avoid lockdowns, booster shots are our best defence against what can be a deadly virus," Mr Hazzard said.

"We will continue to monitor ATAGI advice in relation to boosters, and we have a comprehensive promotional campaign in place to remind people of the importance of boosters.

"I would warn anyone who can think they can skip the isolation requirements to think twice – we are taking this new variant incredibly seriously. Police and Health officials will be on the front foot to ensure compliance and significant penalties will apply for anyone found to be breaking the rules."

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR \$200 MILLION MULTI-SPORT COMMUNITY FUND

The NSW Government today <u>launched the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund</u> to support the construction of multi-sports infrastructure across the state. Round 1 applications are now open for NSW State Sporting Organisations, councils and not-for-profit sporting organisations until 22

February 2022.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SMALL BUSINESS MONTH GRANT

Grants of up to \$2,500 for local councils and \$3,500 for chambers of commerce, industry associations and not-for-profit groups are available to help them organise events for the fifth NSW Small Business Month in March 2022. Applications are open until 10 December 2021 and can be made here.

COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE

Source: <u>NSW Government Website</u> (accessed at 5:45pm 30 November 2021). State-wide vaccination rates can be viewed here.

Post Code	Suburbs	Active COVID Cases	Vaccination Rate (1st dose/2nd dose) 15y.o+
2030	Watsons Bay, Dover Heights, Vaucluse, Rose Bay North	13	90%+ / 90%+
2029	Rose Bay	10	90%+ / 90%+
2028	Double Bay	2	70-80% / 70-80%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	7	80-90% / 80-90%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	49	80-90% / 80-90%
2025	Woollahra	0	80-90% / 80-90%
2023	Bellevue Hill	14	80-90% / 80-90%
2022	Bondi Junction, Queens Park	2	80-90% / 80-90%



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NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 179 new cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including two with the Omicron COVID-19 variant of concern. The total number of confirmed cases of Omicron is now four in NSW.

Four cases have been excluded following further investigation, bringing the total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 81,485.

Sadly, NSW Health is today reporting three deaths.

A man in his 50s from Tamworth died at Tamworth Base Hospital. He had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

A woman in her 60s from south eastern Sydney died at St Vincent's Hospital. She had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

A man in his 40s from western Sydney died at Nepean Hospital. He had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

NSW Health expresses its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

There are currently 160 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 26 people in intensive care, 11 of whom require ventilation.

There were 62,166 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 47,175.

Genomic testing has confirmed two more overseas travellers have been infected with the Omicron COVID-19 variant of concern. The total number of confirmed cases of Omicron is now four in NSW.

Both passengers arrived in Sydney from southern Africa on Singapore Airlines flight SQ211 Sunday, 28 November. They are fully vaccinated and isolating in the Special Health Accommodation.

Everyone on the flight is considered a close contact and will need to get tested immediately for COVID-19 and isolate for 14 days, regardless of their vaccination status. NSW Health is contacting all passengers and flight crew to advise them of isolation requirements. They can also call NSW Health on 1800 943 553 for further advice.

NSW Health is investigating two COVID cases who arrived in NSW on flight QR908 on 25 November. Both are isolating at their respective homes. Urgent genomic sequencing is underway to determine whether these cases have been infected with the Omicron COVID-19 variant. All passengers on this flight must be tested immediately, regardless of previous test results and vaccination status, and isolate until a negative result is received.

Another international traveller, who is isolating at their home in Sydney after arriving on a flight from southern Africa on Tuesday 23 November, has tested positive for the Delta variant.

This person also travelled to Melbourne on flight VA800, departing at 6am on Thursday 25 November, and returned to Sydney on flight QF486, which departed Melbourne at 7pm that evening.

Passengers in the surrounding seats on flight VA800 from Melbourne to Sydney have been deemed close contacts and all other passengers and air crew are casual contacts.

In line with Commonwealth measures, all travellers arriving in NSW who have been in South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Eswatini and Malawi during the 14-day period before their arrival in NSW must enter hotel quarantine for 14 days, irrespective of their vaccination status.

All fully vaccinated travellers who have been in any other overseas country during the 14-day period before their arrival in NSW must travel directly to their place of residence or accommodation and isolate for 72 hours, pending further health advice.

Any unvaccinated arrivals go directly into 14-day mandatory hotel quarantine.

All flight crew who have been overseas during the 14-day period before their arrival in NSW must travel directly to their place of residence or accommodation and isolate for 14 days or until their departure on another flight that leaves Australia, consistent with the current rules for unvaccinated flight crew.

Anyone who has already arrived in NSW who has been in any of the eight African countries within the previous 14 days must immediately get tested and isolate for 14 days, and call NSW Health on 1800 943 553.

Across NSW, 94.5 per cent of people aged 16 and over have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 92.4 per cent are fully vaccinated.

Of the people aged 12 to 15, 81.2 per cent have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 76.5 per cent are fully vaccinated.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 12,871,783 with 4,160,072 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 8,711,711 administered by the GP network, pharmacies and other providers to 11.59pm on Sunday 28 November 2021.

If you haven't received a COVID-19 vaccination yet, please don't delay. Even if you have had COVID-19 and recovered, you should get vaccinated.

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.

Of the 179 cases reported to 8pm last night, 41 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 22 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 18 are from Sydney LHD, 18 are from Western Sydney LHD, 14 are from Mid North Coast LHD, 14 are from Western NSW LHD, 10 are from Hunter New England LHD, 10 are from Northern Sydney LHD, eight are from Central Coast LHD, eight are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, seven are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, three are from Far West LHD, three are from Murrumbidgee LHD and three are yet to be assigned to a LHD.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 in sewage samples collected from Gerringong and Gerroa, where there are no recent known cases.

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 <u>get tested</u> for COVID-19 or <u>self-isolate</u> at any time, you must follow the self-isolation <u>rules</u>.

If you have any <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u>, no matter how mild, <u>get tested</u> immediately and self-isolate until you receive a negative test result.

There are more than 450 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit <u>COVID-19 clinics</u> 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:

- **Bondi Junction Respiratory Clinic**, 47 Spring Street, Bondi Junction (9am-5:00pm Mon-Fri & 9:00am-11:30am Sat Appointments required)
- Bondi Junction Laverty Pathology drive-through and walk-through Clinic, Level 2 carpark, 34 Waverley Street, Bondi Junction (8am-6pm 7 days)
- Bondi Junction 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic, 50 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction (8am-6pm 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-6pm 7 days).
- St Vincent's clinic at the East Sydney Community Centre, 34-40 Burton Street, Darlinghurst (8am-4:30pm 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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