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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP
Member for Vacluse



26 August 2021

Dear Resident

The Premier announced today that from Monday, 13 September outdoor gatherings of up to five people will be allowed within a person's LGA or within 5km of home, if the adults are fully vaccinated.

That information is in the Premier's statement below, along with information on the targets for easing lockdown restrictions and how to access 'proof of COVID vaccination'.

The NSW Government's approach to the COVID-19 pandemic has been to try and get a balance between protecting our health and the economy. When we are better protected as a community by vaccination, we will be able to open back up as the Premier has foreshadowed.

I've also included information on Government support for early childcare services, extra free-of-charge skills short-courses and changes to pet ownership rules in strata schemes.

I was also pleased to play a part in the work supporting the Premier announcing that NSW will become Australia's mRNA Vaccine manufacturing hub and a global RNA industry leader. We are building the capabilities that are the foundation for this important new industry.

Thursday, 26 August 2021

NEW FREEDOMS FOR VACCINATED - FIRST STEP ON STATE ROADMAP OUT OF COVID

People across NSW who have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine will be allowed more freedoms next month after NSW hit the target of six million jabs.

This is the first step in the roadmap and further freedoms will follow for those who have had the jab when the state hits new vaccination targets of 70 and 80 per cent.

Following consultation with Dr Kerry Chant and her team, as well as the NSW Chief Psychiatrist Dr Murray Wright, the following individual freedoms will be allowed for adults who have received **both doses** of the COVID-19 vaccine.

From 12.01am, Monday, 13 September:

- For those who live **outside the [LGAs of concern](#)**, outdoor gatherings of up to five people (including children, all adults must be vaccinated) will be allowed in a person's LGA or within 5km of home.
- For those who live **in the [LGAs of concern](#)** households with all adults vaccinated will be able to gather outdoors for recreation (including picnics) within the existing rules (for one hour only, outside curfew hours and within 5km of home). This is in addition to the one hour allowed for exercise.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian thanked the millions of people across NSW who came forward to receive their vaccine, helping hit the six million doses target.

"We are so grateful for every person who comes forward to get vaccinated because the more jabs we get into arms, the sooner we can lift restrictions," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We appreciate the community's patience in the lead up to 13 September, this additional time will allow the recent surge of vaccines to take effect."

As part of the roadmap when the following targets are hit, freedoms will be as follows:

- 70 per cent full vaccination: a range of family, industry, community and economic restrictions to be lifted **for those who are vaccinated**.
- 80 per cent full vaccination: further easing of restrictions on industry, community and the economy.

The government is also investigating trials of certain industries in coming months, as a proof-of-concept measure to prepare the businesses to open up and operate in a COVID-safe way.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said this roadmap is our path to freedom and is our biggest incentive yet to get vaccinated so we can return to a level of normality.

"The roadmap announced today outlines a clear pathway forward in which a range of family, industry, community and economic restrictions will be lifted for those that are fully vaccinated when NSW hits 70 per cent," Mr Barilaro said.

"Having a meal with loved ones, or having a drink with friends is just around the corner, but to get there, we need to keep up momentum in the vaccination rollout."

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said two doses of the vaccine not only helps protect people from hospitalisation and death, but also helps reduce transmission.

"Two vaccine doses leads to around a 90 per cent overall reduction in transmission of the virus," Mr Hazzard.

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

There are several options to receive your 'proof of COVID-19 vaccination':

- Download your COVID-19 digital certificate via the [Express Plus Medicare](#) mobile app or your [Medicare online account](#) through myGov.
 - You can add your COVID-19 digital certificate to your Apple Wallet or Google Pay.

- Instructions are available on the [Services Australia website](#).
- If you can't get proof online, your vaccination provider can print your immunisation history statement for you.
- Call the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) on 1800 653 809 (Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm) and ask for your statement to be sent to you. It can take up to 14 days to arrive in the post.
- If you're not eligible for Medicare you can call the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) and request your certificate be mailed to you or add your COVID-19 certificate to your digital wallet using the Individual Healthcare Identifiers service (IHI service) through [myGov](#).

For the latest information visit nsw.gov.au/covid-19.

End to Blanket Ban on Pets in Strata Schemes

[New laws have come into effect preventing strata schemes from introducing blanket bans on keeping pets in apartments](#). The laws take into account the high level of pet ownership, and also include protections to ensure that owner's corporations can refuse pets where they unreasonably impact other residents.

Free Training Options During Lockdown

[An extra 60 free short courses are now on offer](#) to study topics such as business skills, mental health, marketing, finance and IT skillsets. Courses are [available here](#) to anyone who is unable to work due to public health orders.



NSW announces plans for RNA Industry

In my Op-Ed to The Australian, I argued that this pandemic has revealed many truths. One is our need to pick 'winners' when it comes to investment in capabilities that are the foundation for our future industries.

We have taken a big step in doing that with [the Premier announcing that NSW will become Australia's mRNA Vaccine manufacturing hub and a global RNA industry leader](#). As part of those plans, we have established a new NSW RNA Bioscience Alliance with all NSW universities, a \$15m RNA Production and Research Network and a \$25m RNA Institute at UNSW.

[Read my Op-Ed in The Australian](#) here:

GABRIELLE UPTON:
Investing in future industries is a winning strategy

Early Childhood Centres & Preschools

[Early childhood education and care services in NSW will be supported through a new Commonwealth support package](#). Childcare providers and educators will be eligible for payments of 25 per cent of their pre-lockdown revenue and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services will be eligible for payments of 40 per cent.

The daily NSW Health COVID-19 update is below and you can keep up to date with COVID-affected venues [here](#) and active case locations [here](#). The Service NSW Hotline on 13 77 88 is available 24/7 to support you with COVID related enquiries.

As always, reach out if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards



26 August 2021

NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 1,029 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of these locally acquired cases, 185 are linked to a known case or cluster – 160 are household contacts and 25 are close contacts – and the source of infection for 844 cases is under investigation.

Ninety-one were in isolation throughout their infectious period and 33 were in isolation for part of their infectious period. Sixty-one cases were infectious in the community, and the isolation status of 844 cases remains under investigation.

Five new cases were acquired overseas in the 24 hours to 8pm last night and 18 previously reported cases have been excluded following further investigation. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 21,282.

Sadly, NSW Health is reporting the recent deaths of three people who had COVID-19.

Three men who were being cared for in the community in western Sydney died at their homes – a man in his 30s, a man in his 60s, and a man in his 80s.

NSW Health extends its deepest sympathies to their loved ones.

This brings the number of COVID-related deaths to 79 since 16 June 2021, and the number of lives lost to 135 since the beginning of the pandemic.

There have been 15,684 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this outbreak was reported.

There are currently 698 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 116 people in intensive care, 43 of whom require ventilation.

There were 151,272 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 149,252.

Cases	Count
Confirmed cases (including interstate residents in NSW health care facilities)	21,282
Deaths (in NSW from confirmed cases)	135
Total tests carried out	12,553,257
Total vaccinations administered in NSW	6,280,700

NSW Health administered 51,232 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including 11,754 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 6,280,700, with 2,304,017 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 3,976,683 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11:59pm on Tuesday 24 August 2021.

Of the 1,029 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 403 are from Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 309 are from South Western Sydney LHD, 112 are from Sydney LHD, 71 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 35 are from Western NSW LHD, 57 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 17 are from Northern Sydney LHD, six are from Far West LHD,

two are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, two are from Central Coast LHD, no new cases for Hunter New England LHD and 15 cases are yet to be assigned to an LHD.

Across the Western NSW Local Health District there have been 35 new cases of COVID-19 reported to 8pm last night. People in the affected areas throughout Western NSW need to be extremely vigilant and get tested at the first sign of symptoms.

Due to ongoing concerns about community transmission, stay-at-home orders in place for regional NSW will be extended by two weeks, until at least 11:59pm on 10 September, in line with existing orders for the Greater Sydney area.

Everyone must stay at home unless they have a reasonable excuse to leave. They also cannot have visitors in their home from outside their household, including family and friends.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has recently detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 at the sewage treatment plants in Tamworth, Merimbula, Cooma and Brewarrina.

The Tamworth sewage treatment plant serves approximately 45,000 people and the Merimbula sewage treatment plant serves 15,000 people. The Cooma sewage treatment plant serves approximately 8,000 people and the Brewarrina sewage treatment plant serves 1,100 people.

These detections are a concern as there are no known cases in these areas.

Everyone in this area 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.

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 Laverly 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-10pm 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-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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