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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP
Member for Vaucluse



19 November 2021

Dear Resident

The NSW Government has [introduced the use of Rapid Antigen Home Testing for students](#) so that they can return to school more quickly if they are a close contact of a positive case. Under the new measures, students can return to school after seven days if they receive a negative PCR test result on day seven of their exposure date and consistent negative rapid antigen test results from day eight until day fourteen.

[Remote witnessing of important legal documents](#) such as wills, statutory declarations and affidavits over video will also be permanently allowed following provision put in place during COVID. People outside of NSW can also use the remote witnessing provisions for documents required to be signed governed by NSW law.

There is information below on NSW's laws to end the use of single-use plastics, a new school curriculum for K-2 students, and fee-free retail sector training.

You can also have your say on ideas for local road safety initiatives and NSW's 20-year R&D Roadmap and R&D Online Matchmaking Platform, initiatives under the [R&D Action Plan](#) which will help build NSW's future industries.

This week in Parliament I congratulated our local recipients of the 2020-21 NSW Community Building Partnership Program. You can watch my speech below to hear which of our local organisations were successful.

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[Click above to watch my speech in Parliament](#)

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

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

Kind regards

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NSW PLAN TO END SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

This week the NSW Government [passed laws to phase out single-use plastics](#) including bags, straws, cotton buds, plates, bowls and cutlery from June 2022.

A \$356 million investment over the next five years will help deliver these key actions:

- A phase out of problematic single-use plastic items (such as lightweight shopping bags, plastic plates, and plastic straws);
- Product design standards (in particular prohibiting the use of microbeads in cosmetic and personal-care products); and
- Product stewardship requirements for plastic packaging.



NEW SCHOOL CURRICULUM FOR K-2 STUDENTS

As part of the NSW Government's Curriculum Reform Agenda, [new English and Mathematics syllabuses were released](#) for students in kindergarten, year 1 and year 2. It is the first comprehensive review in more than 30 years and will include:

- Simple, concise language which identifies key knowledge and skills.
- Clear expectations on student reading progression.
- Renewed focus on handwriting.
- New supports for students with significant intellectual disability

FREE RETAIL SECTOR TRAINING TO BOOST SKILLS

More than [3,500 fee-free training places will be offered](#) across 40 different short courses so residents can upskill to prepare for the busy Christmas retail period. Short courses include Food Safety Supervision, Statement of Attainment in Retail, Statement of Attainment in Retail Customer Service and Licence to Operate a Forklift and Manual Handling.

HAVE YOUR SAY: LOCAL ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

Local community groups and residents can share their ideas to make our local roads safer under the Community Road Safety Grants Program. Applications are now open to 15 December 2021 [here](#).

HAVE YOUR SAY: NSW Government's R&D Roadmap and Online Matchmaking Platform

The NSW Government is delivering on the [Turning Ideas into Jobs: Accelerating R&D in NSW Action Plan](#), launched in January 2021, to accelerate R&D translation and commercialisation and invest in future industries.

The 20-year R&D Roadmap is a key part of the Action Plan. It's the first time such a roadmap has been developed in NSW and will frame R&D investment attraction as well as the NSW Government's investment and activities.

\$2 million is also being invested in an online R&D Online Matchmaking Platform to better connect research 'sellers' and 'buyers' and link them to the innovation infrastructure and expertise they need.

You can have your say on the [20-year R&D Roadmap Survey](#) and the online [R&D Online Matchmaking Survey](#) which are open until 10 December 2021.

COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE

Source: [NSW Government Website](#) (accessed at 2:20pm 19 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	5	90%+ / 90%+
2029	Rose Bay	1	90%+ / 90%+
2028	Double Bay	2	70-80% / 70-80%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	4	80-90% / 80-90%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	26	80-90% / 80-90%
2025	Woollahra	1	80-90% / 80-90%
2023	Bellevue Hill	6	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 216 new cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Two cases have been excluded following further investigation, bringing the total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 79,279.

Sadly, NSW Health is today reporting the deaths of three men.

A man in his 50s from Sydney's south-west died at St George Hospital. He was not vaccinated.

A man in his 60s from Wollongong died at Wollongong Hospital. He was not vaccinated.

A man in his 80s from Albury died at Albury Base Hospital after acquiring his infection at Corowa Hospital. He had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

NSW Health expresses its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

There are currently 196 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 28 people in intensive care, 15 of whom require ventilation.

There were 72,893 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 80,402.

Across NSW, 94.3 per cent of people aged 16 and over have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 91.5 per cent are fully vaccinated.

Of the people aged 12-15, 80.8 per cent have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 74.6 per cent are fully vaccinated.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 12,746,205 with 4,131,038 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 8,615,167 administered by the GP network, pharmacies and other providers to 11.59pm on Wednesday 17 November 2021.

Of the 216 cases reported to 8pm last night, 40 are from Hunter New England Local Health District (LHD), 38 are from South Western Sydney LHD, 32 are from Western Sydney LHD, 25 are from Sydney LHD, 21 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 13 are from Murrumbidgee LHD, 11 are from Northern Sydney LHD, 10 are from Western NSW LHD, nine are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, five are from Central Coast LHD, four are from Southern NSW LHD, three are from Northern NSW LHD, three are from Mid North Coast LHD and two are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 in sewage samples collected from Denman, West Wyalong and Coonabarabran, where there are currently no known or recent 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 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](#).

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](#), no matter how mild, [get tested](#) immediately and self-isolate until you receive a negative test result.

There are more than 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:

- **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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