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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP
Member for Vaucluse



11 March 2022

Dear Resident

Our NSW community has been through a lot over the last few weeks with floods, rain and wind. The NSW Government is committed to supporting people and businesses that have been affected including through new disaster recovery grants for small businesses and accommodation for those who have lost their homes. The Government has also extended eviction protection for small business tenants until 30 June 2022. Details on those supports are below.

For International Women's Day, I joined the George Institute's [forum](#) on how to address the gender bias in health and medical research. It was just one of many events on during NSW Women's week to encourage better opportunities and support for women across our community.



I've included today's daily NSW Health update and local COVID figures. There is also information on our local COVID-19 testing clinics.

Keep safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. P. Williams', is positioned to the left of a horizontal blue line.

LEASE PROTECTIONS EXTENDED FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

I met with Federal MP Dave Sharma in Double Bay today to catch up on local issues and to discuss how we can support residents and businesses during the COVID-19 recovery.

This includes the NSW Government's [recent announcement to extend mediation and eviction protections until 30 June 2022](#). Under the extension, landlords will be prevented from taking certain actions including evicting and lock outs, unless they have attempted mediation with tenants that:

- Had a turnover of less than \$5 million in 2020-21; or
- Received at any point in time the 2022 Small Business Support Grant, 2021 Micro-business Grant, 2021 Business Grant or the 2021 JobSaver payment.

It's one of the ways we are supporting local small businesses during [Small Business Month](#).



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR DISASTER RECOVERY GRANTS

NSW small businesses and not-for-profits (NFP) affected by the severe weather in February and March 2022 can now apply for up to \$50,000 in government support. Payments can be used for things such as safety inspections costs, building repairs, cleaning equipment or disposing damaged materials.

Businesses can apply via the [Service NSW website](#) or by calling a [Service NSW Business Concierge](#) on 13 77 88.

EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE

The first of 120 motorhomes have left Sydney today to provide medium-term accommodation for flood-affected communities in Northern NSW. This is part of a [\\$285 million Temporary Housing Support Package](#) to provide accommodation support for flood victims.

There is also [emergency help for inner city rough sleepers](#) with the NSW Government working with partner agencies to ensure those sleeping rough have a dry and secure place to stay.

Anyone who is homeless due to floods can request emergency accommodation through [evacuation centres](#) or by calling Service NSW on [13 17 88](#).

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY UKRAINE CONFLICT

The NSW Government is doing its bit to [support the people of Ukraine](#) by partnering with the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors ([STARTTS](#)) to expand its services to support people affected by the conflict in Ukraine, including our NSW Jewish and Russian communities.

The service helps people through trauma related to war and violence and operates from 9am-4pm Monday-Friday on 1800 845 198.

COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE

Source: [NSW Government Website](#) (accessed at 3:46pm, 11 March 2022)

State-wide vaccination rates can be viewed [here](#).

Post Code	Suburbs	Active COVID Cases	Vaccination Rate (1st dose/2nd dose) 16y.o+
2030	Watsons Bay, Dover Heights, Vaucluse, Rose Bay North	281	90%+ / 90%+
2029	Rose Bay	197	90%+ / 90%+
2028	Double Bay	82	70-80% / 70-80%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	131	80-90% / 80-90%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	618	80-90% / 80-90%
2025	Woollahra	117	80-90% / 80-90%
2023	Bellevue Hill	239	80-90% / 80-90%
2022	Bondi Junction, Queens Park	223	90%+ / 80-90%



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NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

Across NSW, more than 95 per cent of people aged 16 and over have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 94.4 per cent have received two doses to Wednesday 9 March 2022.

- Of children aged 12 to 15, 83.5 per cent have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 79 per cent have received two doses.
- Of children aged 5 to 11, 48.1 per cent have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Of people aged 16 plus, 56.5 per cent have now received a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. This represents 60.5 per cent of the eligible population that received their second dose more than three months ago.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 17,057,620 with 4,938,248 administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 12,119,372 administered by the GP network, pharmacies and other providers to 11.59pm on Wednesday 9 March 2022.

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

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

One person was aged in their 70s, one person was aged in their 80s and five people were in their 90s.

Three people had received three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, two people had received two doses and two people were not vaccinated. Older age is a significant risk factor for serious illness and death for COVID-19, particularly when combined with significant underlying health conditions.

One person was from northern Sydney, one person was western Sydney, one person was from Eden, one person was from Wagga Wagga, one person was from Shellharbour, one person was from Newcastle and one person was from Maitland.

NSW Health expresses its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 1,973.

There are currently 998 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, including 39 people in intensive care, 15 of whom require ventilation.

There were 14,034 positive test results (cases) notified in the 24 hours to 4pm yesterday – including 8,418 positive rapid antigen tests (RATs) and 5,616 positive PCR tests. The 5,616 positive PCR results were returned from 38,184 PCR tests.

There has now been a total of 465,234 positive RATs recorded since reporting began on 13 January 2022.

Following further investigation, 38 COVID-19 cases detected by PCR tests have been excluded and 547 cases previously reported as RAT-positive have been confirmed as PCR-positive cases, bringing the total number of cases detected by PCR tests in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 970,345.

Data from the [latest weekly report](#) indicates that reported cases of COVID-19 have increased in NSW, while hospital and intensive care unit (ICU) admissions for people with COVID-19 have stabilised during the last two weeks after previously declining.

Reported cases of COVID-19 in NSW have increased from 9,466 on 4 March to 14,034 today, a week later. Reported case rates continue to be highest in people aged 10-19 years.

Most cases continue to be identified by rapid antigen test (RAT), particularly in regional areas. The Omicron variant (B.1.1.529) is currently the dominant COVID-19 variant of concern circulating in the NSW community, with both main sub-lineages of the Omicron variant (BA.1 and BA.2) circulating in NSW.

We know how COVID-19 is spread and we know what controls it, so we know how we can act as an individual to protect ourselves and our loved ones, as well as the older and more vulnerable members of our community.

We can take four simple precautions to protect each other. Please:

- get your booster vaccine
- get a test and isolate immediately if you have any COVID symptoms
- use a mask in indoor settings where you cannot maintain a safe physical distance from others
- clean your hands regularly.

COVID-19 TESTING CLINICS

Here are some COVID testing clinics in the local area:

- **Woollahra 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic**, 8 Oxford Street, Woollahra (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **Bondi Junction Respiratory Clinic**, 47 Spring Street, Bondi Junction (9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-11:30am)
- **Bondi Junction 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic**, 50 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **Bondi Junction Laverty Pathology Drive-through and Walk-in Clinic**, Lvl 2 Car park, 34 Waverley Street, Bondi Junction (8am-12pm Mon-Fri)
- **Rose Bay Laverty Pathology Drive-through**, Lyne Park, Vickery Avenue Car Park, Rose Bay (8am-4pm Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm Sat-Sun)
- **Bondi Beach SydPath Drive-through Clinic**, Entry on junction of Campbell Parade and Beach Road (7:30am-5pm 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](#)

[Information for NSW Businesses and Employees](#)

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