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



**7 October 2021**

Dear Resident

I was so saddened by Gladys Berejiklian's resignation as the NSW Premier. Gladys worked tirelessly for NSW during some of the most difficult times our State has had. Her personal warmth and the professionalism and the rigor she brought to her work make her exceptional. It was truly a privilege to work closely with her as her Parliamentary Secretary since 2019.



On Tuesday, I welcomed our new Premier Dom Perrottet, and I look forward to working with him to ensure our local area gets the support it needs. Dom has already done an amazing job of steering our economy through multiple crises of floods, bushfires and COVID-19. I welcome his commitment, demonstrated today, to safely reopen NSW so we can 'live with COVID-19'.

To that end, the Premier announced this morning further eased restrictions including changes to the number of permitted at-home visitors and students returning to school earlier. There is also additional health advice below that the NSW Government released to guide our reopening.

Today I've also included details on a new hardship panel which will consider financial support for businesses that do not qualify for current support measures. JobSaver payments have also been expanded to more not-for-profit organisations and I've included information on how to get proof of your COVID-19 vaccination.

It is so good to be finally re-opening our State and thank you so much for helping us to get to this point by getting vaccinated. Please take up the first opportunity to complete your vaccinations and let me know if I can assist if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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Thursday, 7 October 2021

### **NSW ON THE ROAD TO REOPENING**

NSW will take its first steps towards reopening as the State passes the 70 per cent double vaccination target.

With the first vaccination milestone being reached, the NSW Government is also easing a number of restrictions as part of the Reopening NSW roadmap, which will allow fully vaccinated adults to enjoy more freedoms from next Monday, October 11.

The changes to the **70 per cent** roadmap will allow up to 10 visitors (not counting children 12 and under) to a home (previously five), lift the cap on outdoor gatherings to 30 people (previously 20), and increase the cap for weddings and funerals to 100 people (previously 50).

Indoor pools will also be re-opened for swimming lessons, squad training, lap swimming, and rehab activities.

On the Monday after the State clears the **80 per cent** double vaccination hurdle further restrictions will be relaxed, with people able to have up to 20 visitors (excluding children 12 and under) to a home (previously 10), and up to 50 people will be allowed to gather outdoors (previously 20).

Up to 3,000 people will be allowed to attend controlled and ticketed outdoor events (previously 500), nightclubs will be permitted to reopen for seated drinking only (no dancing), and masks will no longer be required in office buildings. **All roadmap freedoms at 70 and 80 per cent will continue to be for fully vaccinated people only.**

**All school students will also now return to on site learning with a range of COVID-safe measures in place by October 25**, with the second and third stages of the return to school plan now combined. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 12 students will still return to face-to-face learning on October 18, with all other years now returning one week later on October 25.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the common-sense changes would help life return to normal as soon as possible.

“Vaccinations are the key to life returning to normal and the changes today will help family and friends reconnect, get kids back to school and get businesses back up and running sooner,” Mr Perrottet said.

“NSW is putting in the hard yards and it’s important people continue to turn out in droves to be vaccinated.”

Deputy Premier Paul Toole said **workers in regional areas who have received one vaccination dose will be permitted to return to their workplace** from October 11 and will be given a grace period until November 1 to receive their second dose.

Regional areas are those outside Greater Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Wollongong, Shellharbour and the Central Coast.

“This move ensures we get businesses in the regions re-open and local economies buzzing again. It’s about ensuring we make this a roadmap that works for everyone,” Mr Toole said.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said these changes would help get more people back into work, especially in Western Sydney.

“We’re on the road back to normal and most importantly reaching these vaccination targets means people can reunite with family and friends, celebrate key moments in their lives and businesses can open their doors and get back to work in a safe way,” Mr Ayres said.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said NSW residents 12-years-old and over have led the charge to get vaccinated and ensure NSW is among the safest places in the world.

“Getting to 70 per cent double dose is a badge of honour for every fully vaccinated NSW citizen to wear proudly but we can do so much more and 90 per cent is within our grasp,” Mr Hazzard said.

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning Sarah Mitchell said schools were ready to welcome students back.

“The return remains safe and sensible with enough time for schools to prepare for a faster return of students over two weeks instead of three,” Ms Mitchell said.

“Principals have received detailed guidance and checklists of everything required to ensure COVID-safe settings in their school. Parents and carers will also receive a detailed guide today and more specific information from their school in the coming days.”

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

Note also that as the stay-at-home orders will be lifted next Monday and replaced by the

roadmap settings, the list of Local Government Areas of concern will cease to exist.

[For the latest information visit the COVID-19 pages on nsw.gov.au.](#)

#### UPDATED ADVICE FOR REOPENING

[NSW Health have released the public health advice below](#) which sets out how NSW will continue to tackle COVID-19 when we reopen next Monday, 11 October 2021.

#### Some of the key public health advice for the general community will be:

- Everyone, vaccinated and not vaccinated, is urged to **get tested if you have any symptoms** of COVID-19 and immediately self-isolate until a negative result is received.
- Whether you are vaccinated or not vaccinated, **if you test positive for COVID-19** you must self-isolate for 14 days.
- **Close contacts in the community** will include household members of positive cases and close social contacts of positive cases, such as partners and friends, who you spent time in close proximity with, even if fully vaccinated. Anyone may also be assessed as a being a close contact following a risk assessment, including at workplaces, high-risk settings, such as healthcare and aged care, and other specific settings such as schools and child care centres, or where an outbreak has been identified.
- **If you are a close contact of a positive case and vaccinated**, you must get tested and self-isolate for seven days. On day six after exposure, you must get tested again. If a negative result is received and you are well, you can end isolation after day seven. For the following seven days you must work from home where practicable, not attend hospitality settings, and not attend a high-risk settings even if it is your place of work.
- **If you are a close contact of a positive case and not vaccinated** you must get tested and immediately self-isolate for 14 days. On day 12, you should get tested again. If a negative result is received, you can end isolation after day 14.
- The **Service NSW QR code check-in system** will remain in place in the general community. This system will be used to notify people who were in the same venue as a positive case. People will be asked to monitor for symptoms and get tested if they become unwell. Other settings, including schools, workplaces and high-risk settings, such as healthcare and aged care, will have specific risk assessment approaches.
- **People aged 16 years and over will only be allowed entry into some venues or settings if fully vaccinated**, along with people with exemptions. In some venues, children under 16 will have to be accompanied by a fully vaccinated member of their household to enter. This includes hospitality venues, non-critical retail stores, personal services, sporting, recreation and entertainment facilities and events. Critical retail such as supermarkets and pharmacies will still be accessible to those not fully vaccinated. There are several options to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or exemption.

#### Some of the key public health advice for the business community will be:

- **If a staff member tests positive**, whether they are vaccinated or not vaccinated, they must self-isolate for 14 days and follow the advice from NSW Health. Businesses will refer to their COVID-19 Safety Plan and risk assessment approach for further instructions on notifying other staff.
- Businesses must inform NSW Health **if three or more employees test positive for COVID-19 in a seven-day period**.
- NSW Health guidelines will enable businesses to **assess workplace risk if a COVID-19 case is identified** and confirm actions to be taken.

- Businesses can reduce the risk of closure or staff going into isolation by **implementing rigorous COVID-19 Safety Plans**. Other proactive steps businesses can take include ensuring staff are vaccinated and implementing regular onsite testing programs for workers.

**With respect to vaccination compliance and obligations:**

- Businesses will be responsible for taking **reasonable measures to stop unvaccinated people entering premises**. For example, having prominent signs stating requirements, Service NSW QR codes, staff checking vaccination status upon entry and only accepting valid forms of evidence of vaccination.
- **Authorised officers will monitor businesses re-opening**, particularly those that have vaccination requirements, for example hospitality, retail, gyms, and personal services (e.g. hair, beauty).
- **Penalties may apply for individuals and businesses who don't comply**. On the spot fines of \$1,000 may apply to individuals for not complying, or for using fraudulent evidence of vaccination or check-in. On the spot fines of \$5,000 may apply to businesses for not complying with the Public Health Order vaccination requirements. Further penalties may apply for significant breaches.

**NEW HARDSHIP PANEL TO PROVIDE MORE BUSINESSES WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

A [new Hardship Review Panel has been established](#) to consider financial support for businesses that do not qualify for COVID-19 business support measures.

[Hardship applications for JobSaver are now open](#) with COVID Business Grants and Microbusiness Grants to open later this month.

**JOBSAVER PAYMENTS OPEN TO MORE CHARITIES AND NFPs**

The [turnover threshold for the NSW Government's JobSaver Program has been reduced](#) from 30 per cent to 15 per cent for registered charities in the social services and animal welfare sectors. A \$50 million [Social Sector Support Fund](#) is also available to assist not-for-profits in continuing to support communities through the pandemic.

**HAVE YOUR SAY: GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS & MOORE PARK PARKING**

[The NSW Government is calling for feedback on the Greater Sydney Parklands Exposure Bill](#) which proposes a new Greater Sydney Parklands Trust to protect future parklands and other changes including the establishment of a Blue-Green Grid committee and a ban of on-grass parking at Moore Park. Have your say [here](#).

**GET PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS**

You will soon be required to prove your COVID-19 vaccination status. Find out how to get your certificate [online here](#) or call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 to request for your certificate be posted to you.

**COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE**

Source: [NSW Government Website](#) (accessed at 11:45am 7 October 2021).

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

Post Code	Suburbs	Active COVID Cases	Vaccination Rate (1st dose/2nd dose)
2030	Watsons Bay, Dover Heights, Vaucluse, Rose Bay North	8	90%+ / 70-79%
2029	Rose Bay	5	90%+ / 70-79%
2028	Double Bay	1	70-79% / 60-69%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	5	80-89% / 70-79%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	25	80-89% / 60-69%
2025	Woollahra	0	80-89% / 70-79%
2023	Bellevue Hill	0	80-89% / 60-69%
2022	Bondi Junction, Queens Park	6	80-89% / 60-69%

The daily NSW Health COVID-19 update is below and you can keep up to date with COVID-affected venues [here](#).

The Service NSW Hotline on 13 77 88 is available 24/7 to support you with COVID related enquiries.



7 October 2021

### NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 587 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

No new cases were acquired overseas. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 66,835.

Sadly, NSW Health is reporting the deaths of eight people who had COVID-19 – five men and three women.

One person was in their 20s, one person in their 50s, two people were in their 60s, two people were in their 70s, and two people were in their 80s.

Three people were from south western Sydney, two people were from western Sydney, one person was from south eastern Sydney, one person was from Sydney's inner city, and one person was from Wellington in western NSW.

Five people were not vaccinated, one person had received one dose, and two people with underlying health conditions had received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Two people – a man in his 20s from western Sydney and a woman in her 80s from south eastern Sydney – died at home and tested positive to COVID-19 after their deaths.

A man in his 70s from south western Sydney died after acquiring his infection at Campbelltown Hospital. This is the fourth death linked to this outbreak.

NSW Health extends its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

There have been 403 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021 and 459 in total since the start of the pandemic.

There have been 60,596 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this outbreak was reported.

There are currently 911 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 181 people in intensive care, 85 of whom require ventilation.

There were 112,186 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 90,680.

NSW has reached the 70 per cent double dose vaccination milestone. We thank everyone who has come forward to protect themselves, their loved ones and the wider community from COVID-19.

NSW Health administered 22,609 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 10,589,377 with 3,685,861 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 6,903,516 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11.59pm on Tuesday 5 October 2021.

To 11.59pm on Tuesday 5 October across NSW, 89 per cent of the over-16 population had received a first dose COVID-19 vaccine, and 69.1 per cent were fully vaccinated.

With the doses administered by the GP Network and pharmacies yesterday (Wednesday), which will be included in this update tomorrow (Friday), more than 70 per cent of people aged 16 and over in NSW are now fully vaccinated.

Of the 587 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 119 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 105 are from Western Sydney LHD, 83 are from Hunter New England LHD, 60 are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, 59 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 59 are from Sydney LHD, 22 are from Northern Sydney LHD, 21 are from Central Coast LHD, 20 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 15 are from Southern NSW LHD, seven are from Western NSW LHD, seven are from Northern NSW LHD, four are from Murrumbidgee LHD, two are from Far West LHD, one is in correctional settings, and three are yet to be assigned to an LHD.

Stay-at-home orders will be extended for a number of areas in regional NSW due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health risk.

Due to recent transmission of COVID-19, stay-at-home orders will be extended for Oberon LGA, Snowy Monaro Regional LGA, and for Menindee and Sunset Strip in the Central Darling Shire until 11 October.

Everyone in these areas must stay at home unless it is for an essential reason, which includes shopping for food, medical care, getting vaccinated, compassionate needs, exercise and work or tertiary education if you can't work or study at home.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 in sewage samples across NSW including from Lightning Ridge in western NSW, Ballina and Uralla in northern NSW, and Bodalla, Bega and Merimbula in southern NSW.

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 [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.

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.

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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:

- **Rushcutters Bay Park Pop-up Clinic**, New Beach Road, Sir David Martin Reserve, Darling Point (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-9pm Mon-Thurs, 7:30am-10pm Fri-Sun)
- **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 (9am-5:20pm Mon-Sat - [Appointments required](#))
- **Bondi Junction 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic**, 50 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **St Vincent's clinic at the East Sydney Community Centre**, 34-40 Burton Street, Darlinghurst (8am-8pm 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](#)**

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