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Dear Resident

We've now reached our 80% vaccination rate milestone which is amazing - thank you! To celebrate, the [Sydney Opera House will be the backdrop for a special tribute](#) to frontline workers and those who have been vaccinated from 7pm tomorrow night, Monday 18 October until midnight.

From tomorrow, restrictions will be eased in line with [the 80% roadmap](#) and up to 20 visitors will be permitted to a home and community sport will restart.



Major economic recovery packages have been launched to strengthen NSW's economy through COVID recovery including:

- to improve air quality in our schools,
- for mental health support,
- for the arts and cultural sector,
- for social housing; and
- to boost skills and training.

Information on those announcements are below.

The daily COVID-19 health update is also included along with local vaccination rates and testing clinics.

Please be in touch with me if I can be of assistance.



\$100 MILLION TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN NSW SCHOOLS

As part of the NSW Government's Economic Recovery Package, [the \\$100 million air quality assurance program will support ongoing improvements to air quality in public schools](#). Funding will go towards installing automatic fresh air ventilation systems in smaller learning spaces, replacing windows, ceiling and exhaust fans. Air purifiers will also be provided to schools if required.

\$130 MILLION TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY

[Mental health is a priority of the NSW Government's economic roadmap with a new \\$130 million investment package](#) focused on providing immediate access to help for anyone whose mental health has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Key highlights include:

- \$35 million over two years to boost the surge capacity of the mental health clinical workforce
- \$20 million over 18 months to provide up to 55,000 additional services to young people through their local headspace centres
- \$14 million over two years to train 275,000 people across NSW in suicide prevention training
- \$21 million over four years to employ 18 FTE Aboriginal Care Navigators and 18 FTE Aboriginal Peer Workers across NSW
- \$16.5 million over four years to address the increase in eating disorders
- \$6 million over two years to build the capacity of caseworkers to provide timely support to child protection practitioners at high risk of trauma
- \$5 million over two years to fund local community wellbeing events
- \$3 million over one year to assist NSW sporting bodies to deliver mental health and wellbeing initiatives
- \$3 million over one year to provide access to private beds for 12-24-year-olds experiencing complex trauma and eating disorders; and
- \$3.2 million over four years to establish a Multicultural Mental Health Line – a NSW first.

\$86 MILLION TO KICKSTART ARTS, SCREEN AND CULTURE

Artists, musicians, theatres, venues, festivals and cultural organisations in NSW will be supported [with \\$86 million delivered by Create NSW](#) through the following programs:

- **\$50 million for the Performing Arts Relaunch package** – to provide certainty and confidence for arts companies as audiences return to theatres and other performance venues.
- **\$25 million for the Festival Relaunch package** – for established commercial and not-for-profit festivals so they can deliver programs with confidence.
- **\$5 million Theatre and Film Strategy** – for the development of a film studio and theatre infrastructure strategy to secure international productions.
- **\$5 million for Culture Up Late** – to extend the successful evening program across some of Sydney’s vibrant Cultural Institutions.
- **\$1 million for Film Festivals** – to support the delivery of local and international Film Festivals across Sydney, Western Sydney and South Western Sydney.

\$183 MILLION FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

Thousands of new jobs and social housing properties will be created with [an additional \\$183 million dedicated to fast-track more than 1,400 new social and affordable homes](#).

\$100 MILLION INVESTED IN A SKILLS-LED RECOVERY

[Skills training has been prioritised to future-proof our workforce with an \\$100 million skills package](#). The package contains new funding to extend the successful JobTrainer program, hundreds of fully-funded school-based apprenticeships and traineeships for Aboriginal students and funding for new ICT traineeships in the public sector.

COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE

Source: [NSW Government Website](#) (accessed at 1:20pm 17 October 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	4	90%+ / 80-90%
2029	Rose Bay	1	90%+ / 80-90%
2028	Double Bay	2	70-80% / 60-70%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	0	80-90% / 70-80%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	17	80-90% / 70-80%
2025	Woollahra	2	80-90% / 70-80%
2023	Bellevue Hill	0	80-90% / 70-80%
2022	Bondi Junction, Queens Park	3	80-90% / 70-80%

The daily NSW Health COVID-19 update is below and the Service NSW Hotline on 13 77 88 is still available 24/7 to support you with COVID related enquiries.



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NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 301 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

No new cases were acquired overseas in the same period. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 71,210.

Sadly, NSW Health is today reporting the deaths of 10 people with COVID-19 – five women and five men.

Two people were in their 50s, two people were in their 60s, two people were in their 70s, three people were in their 80s and one person was in their 90s.

Three people were from south western Sydney, two people were from southern Sydney, two people were from south eastern Sydney, one person was from the Central Coast, one person was from the Newcastle area, and one person was from the Cessnock area.

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

A woman in her 80s from south western Sydney died at Liverpool Hospital, where she acquired her infection. This is the 12th death linked to this outbreak. She was not vaccinated and had underlying health conditions.

A man in his 80s from south eastern Sydney died at Prince of Wales Hospital, where he acquired his infection. He had received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

A man in his 90s died at Prince of Wales Hospital. He was a resident of the Southern Cross Care Daceyville aged care facility, where he acquired his infection. This is the first death linked to an outbreak at the facility. He had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

NSW Health extends its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

There have been 470 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021 and 526 in total since the start of the pandemic.

There have been 65,528 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this outbreak was reported.

There are currently 619 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 137 people in intensive care, 71 of whom require ventilation.

There were 69,107 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 66,311.

NSW has reached the 80 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.

To 11.59pm on Friday 15 October 2021 across NSW, 91.9 per cent of people aged 16 and over had received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 79.8 per cent were fully vaccinated.

With the doses administered by the GP Network and pharmacies yesterday (Saturday), which will be included in this update tomorrow (Monday), more than 80 per cent of people aged 16 and over in NSW are now fully vaccinated.

In the 12-15 year old age group, 74 per cent have had their first dose, and 32 per cent are fully vaccinated.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 11,591,520, with 3,897,451 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 7,694,069 administered by the GP network, pharmacies and other providers to 11.59pm on Friday 15 October 2021.

Of the 301 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 74 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 73 are from Hunter New England LHD, 33 are from Western Sydney LHD, 26 are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, 24 are from Sydney LHD, 18 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 14 are from Central Coast LHD, 11 are from Murrumbidgee LHD, 6 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 5 are from Western NSW LHD, 3 are from Northern NSW LHD, 4 are from Southern NSW LHD, 2 are from Northern Sydney LHD, 1 is from Far West LHD, 1 is from Mid North Coast LHD, 1 is in a correctional setting, and 5 are yet to be assigned to an LHD.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 in sewage samples collected from across NSW, including areas with no known cases, such as Armidale and Woolgoolga.

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.

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-Sun and changing to 7:30am-6pm from 18 October).
- **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](#)

[Information for NSW Businesses and Employees](#)

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