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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

Member for Vaucluse



27 August 2021

Dear Resident

Today, the Premier announced NSW's plan to return all students to school in Term 4 2021. The Premier's announcement is below and includes face-to-face learning from 25 October, HSC exams from 9 November and mandatory vaccinations for school staff by 8 November.

I've included information on mandatory vaccinations for NSW Health staff, registration for workers travelling to LGAs of concern and a \$200 million funding boost for NSW not-for-profits.

Please note that [face masks are now mandatory in all public outdoor settings](#) except when exercising or where you are in a vehicle with members of your household.



Friday, 27 August 2021

HSC IN NOVEMBER AND ALL STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN TERM 4

There will be a staggered return to face-to-face learning from October, HSC exams will be delayed until November and vaccinations for school staff will be mandatory based on the return to school plan released by the NSW Government today.

The Department of Education has developed a plan to bring students back in a COVID-safe way while stay at home orders are still in place – ensuring continuity of education, and protecting student, teacher and community safety.

A staggered return of students to face-to-face learning will begin on Monday 25 October.

Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health approved COVID safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- From 25 October – **Kindergarten and Year 1**
- From 1 November – **Year 2, 6 and 11**
- From 8 November – **Year 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10**

Year 12 students are already able to return in a limited way and this will continue for the remainder of Term 3. From 25 October, Year 12 will have full time access to school campuses and their teachers.

If stay at home orders are lifted in an LGA or region before 25 October, all students living or learning in that area will return to face to face learning under the Department's COVID-safe schools framework.

If cases in certain LGAs increase significantly, learning from home will resume for that LGA until case numbers drop.

HSC exams will be delayed until 9 November with a revised timetable and guidelines for a COVID-safe HSC to be released by NESA in early September. Importantly, the delay of the HSC exams will not disadvantage NSW students when applying to university.

Vaccinations for all school staff across all sectors will be mandatory from 8 November. NSW Health will be providing priority vaccinations at Qudos Bank Arena for school staff the week beginning 6 September.

Early childcare staff will also be able to participate in the priority vaccinations from 6 September. All school and early childcare staff are also encouraged to make use of the GP network to be vaccinated with whatever vaccine is available as soon as possible.

A recent survey of the public school workforce indicated the majority of staff already had at least one dose of a vaccine.

All students eligible for a vaccine will be strongly encouraged by the government to book an appointment. Students aged 12-15 will also be a priority if they become eligible for a vaccine.

All parents who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine as soon as possible.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the NSW Government is prioritising the safety and education of students through a sensible and managed return to school.

"The return to school plan provides parents, teachers and students with certainty and a path forward for the return to face-to-face learning," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We know the last few months have been tough on the school community and we are

deeply grateful to parents, teachers and students for the sacrifices you have made. Please continue to protect our students by getting vaccinated as quickly as possible.”

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning Sarah Mitchell said the education and safety of our students is essential.

“The classroom is where students learn best and I thank the entire community for playing their role in this return by getting vaccinated,” Ms Mitchell said.

Register To Travel for Work in a LGA of Concern

If you are entering an [LGA of concern](#) for work from our local area, you will need to have a permit from 12.01am on Saturday 28 August 2021. Authorised workers leaving LGAs of concern for work will also require a permit. [Applications can be made here.](#)

COVID Vaccinations for all NSW Health Staff

[Healthcare workers in NSW will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to help ensure the safety of colleagues and patients in all public and private hospitals.](#) Health staff must have a first dose of vaccine by 30 September 2021 and be fully vaccinated by 30 November 2021.

\$200 Million Support Package for Not-for-Profit Organisations

[The NSW Treasurer has announced a \\$200 million support package for not-for-profit organisations impacted by COVID-19,](#) and especially those ineligible for Government support such as JobSaver payments.

A \$50 million Social Sector Support Fund has also been established to provide grants and direct payments to eligible NFPs and provide a Workforce Surge Payment to support social sector organisations to respond to COVID-19 outbreaks. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Double Bay Ferry Wharf Upgrade

Thanks to the residents and local businesses who provided feedback on Transport for NSW's [Double Bay Ferry Wharf accessibility upgrade](#). A consultation report was released today summarising community feedback and responses. The [report](#) will inform the detailed design and construction of the project.

Citizenship Ceremonies

Due to lockdown, Woollahra Council took their citizenship ceremonies online. Together with Mayor Susan Wynne and Wentworth MP Dave Sharma and Councillor Mary-Lou Jarvis it was good to be able to congratulate our newest Australian Citizens.



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

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27 August 2021

NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 882 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Three new cases were acquired overseas in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, and ten previously reported cases have been excluded following further investigation. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 22,157.

Sadly, NSW Health has been notified of the deaths of two people who had COVID-19.

As announced yesterday, a man in his 60s from Sydney's Nepean Blue Mountains District died at Nepean Hospital, after acquiring his infection there earlier this month. His is the third death linked to an outbreak at the hospital.

A man in his 90s from western Sydney died at Concord Hospital, having acquired his infection at Canterbury Hospital. His is the fifth death linked to an outbreak at this hospital.

NSW Health extends its deepest sympathies to their loved ones.

There have been 81 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021. There have been 137 in total since the start of the pandemic.

There have been 16,556 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this outbreak was reported.

There are currently 767 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 117 people in intensive care, 47 of whom require ventilation.

There were 118,120 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 151,272.

NSW Health administered 51,955 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including 11,919 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 6,415,464, with 2,355,972 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 4,059,492 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11:59pm on Wednesday 25 August 2021.

Of the 882 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 325 are from Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 265 are from South Western Sydney LHD, 82 are from Sydney LHD, 60 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 53 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 40 are from Western NSW LHD, 17 are from Northern Sydney LHD, nine are from Far West LHD, five are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, two new cases for Hunter New England LHD and 24 cases are yet to be assigned to an LHD.

Across the Western NSW Local Health District there have been 40 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.

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, Picton and Nyngan.

The Tamworth sewage treatment plant serves approximately 45,000 people and the Merimbula sewage treatment plant serves 15,000 people.

The Picton sewage treatment plant serves approximately 14,600 people and the Nyngan sewage treatment plant serves 2,500 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.

There are more than 460 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit: [COVID-19 testing 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:

- **Rushcutter's Bay Park Pop-up Clinic**, New Beach Road, Sir David Martin Reserve, Darling Point (8am-8pm 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-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](#)

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