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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP
Member for Vaucluse



5 November 2021

Dear Resident

NSW and Victoria have now opened their borders to each other, allowing free travel ahead of the Christmas period. More details on that very welcome news is listed below.

Tomorrow is also the first weekend of regional travel since COVID restrictions were eased [so please keep safe on the roads and expect heavy traffic.](#)

Next week we head into Parliament for the three concluding weeks of the year. I look forward to speaking about our electorate in the Legislative Assembly.

I've included below information on more free TAFE NSW training courses, a \$50 million NSW Government investment into public spaces and the start of caretaker mode for our local councils given the upcoming Local Government elections.



Yesterday, I spoke at the [European Australian Business Council](#) with EU Economic & Commercial Counsellors on why NSW is the best place for investment. It was great reminder of how lucky we are and that NSW is now certainly open for business!

Kind regards



Thursday, 4 November 2021

OPEN BORDERS BETWEEN NSW AND VICTORIA

New South Wales and Victoria will open their border to each other from 11:59pm on Thursday, 4 November, allowing free travel between Australia's two biggest states well ahead of the Christmas period.

With coronavirus (COVID-19) case numbers coming down and high vaccination rates continuing to rise in both states, New South Wales and Victoria are normalising living with the virus.

Victoria's Acting Chief Health Officer today declared that from 11:59pm tonight, the ACT and all remaining orange zone areas in New South Wales will become green zones under Victoria's travel permit system.

This means, for the first time in more than six months in Victoria, all Local Government Areas in all states and territories across Australia will be green zones for the purposes of entering Victoria.

Travellers, including workers, who are entering Victoria from a green zone face no testing or quarantine requirements, but are still required to obtain a permit from Service Victoria before they arrive, to verify they aren't COVID-19 positive or required to isolate as a close contact.

There are no requirements for fully vaccinated Victorians entering New South Wales, unless they have been to a place of high concern in Victoria. A Victorian who is over 16 years and not fully vaccinated is not allowed to enter NSW for recreation or a holiday. More information is available on nsw.gov.au.

This comes as 93.8 per cent of people in New South Wales aged 16 and over have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 89.1 per cent have received both doses.

In Victoria 92.7 per cent of people aged 16 and over have now had at least one dose of a

COVID-19 vaccine and 82.5 per cent have had two doses.

People entering Victoria must still comply with any vaccinated economy requirements in place and can apply for a travel permit at service.vic.gov.au.

New South Wales Premier Dominic Perrottet said this announcement showed the rest of the nation the way forward.

“NSW is set to pass 90 per cent double dose vaccination in the near future, with Victoria not far behind, allowing family and friends to be reunited in the lead up to Christmas after many months of being separated,” Mr Perrottet said.

“This milestone has only been made possible because people across NSW and Victoria have rolled up their sleeves and led the nation on the road back to normality thanks to our high vaccination rates.”

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews thanked people on both sides of the border for rolling up their sleeves and getting the job.

“Thanks to the incredibly hard work of Victorians and people in New South Wales in getting vaccinated, we’re delighted to be able to have free travel between the two states once again,” Mr Andrews said.

“Victoria and New South Wales have been through so much over the last few months, and we’re pleased that more families will now be able to reunite just in time for Christmas and the holiday season.”

FREE TRAINING COURSES TO SUPPORT THE BUSH

[The NSW Government has introduced even more free training courses under the Summer Skills program which is offering free training in critical industries.](#) The Summer Skills program is available to people aged 16-24 who have left school, and short courses include accounting, agriculture, shearing and wool harvesting, drone essentials and hospitality. For more information and to enrol click [here](#).

CARETAKER MODE FOR NSW COUNCILS

[Local Councils across NSW will enter caretaker mode from today until Local Government Election Day on December 4 2021.](#) During the caretaker period, councils, general managers and other delegates of councils (other than a local planning panel or the Central Sydney Planning Committee) must not make any major policy decisions.

\$50 MILLION FOR NSW PUBLIC SPACES

[As part of the Government's economic recovery package, \\$50 million is being invested into new and improved parks and public spaces](#) including:

- Places to Swim (\$16.7 million): New swimming and kayaking locations across Greater Sydney’s rivers and harbour;
 - Places to Play (\$16.7 million): Additional public open spaces for play and adventure, for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds across NSW; and
 - Places to Roam (\$16.7 million): Better active transport corridors and connected bushland, parks and gardens across Greater Sydney.
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COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE

Source: [NSW Government Website](#) (accessed at 4:20pm 5 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 | 2 | 90%+ / 80-90% |
| 2029 | Rose Bay | 0 | 90%+ / 90%+ |
| 2028 | Double Bay | 1 | 70-80% / 70-80% |
| 2027 | Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff | 1 | 80-90% / 80-90% |
| 2026 | Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi | 13 | 80-90% / 70-80% |
| 2025 | Woollahra | 0 | 80-90% / 70-80% |
| 2023 | Bellevue Hill | 3 | 80-90% / 80-90% |
| 2022 | Bondi Junction, Queens Park | 15 | 80-90% / 80-90% |



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NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 249 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

One new case was acquired overseas and two cases have been excluded following further investigation, bringing the total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 76,125.

Sadly, NSW Health is reporting the deaths of three people – two women and one man.

A man in his 80s from Sydney's inner west died at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

A woman in her 90s died at the Mercy Place aged care facility in Albury where she acquired her infection. She had received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and is the sixth death linked to an outbreak at this facility.

A woman in her 80s died at the Southern Cross Care residential care facility in Albury. She had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

NSW Health expresses its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

There have been 533 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021 and 589 in total since the start of the pandemic.

There are currently 285 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 61 people in intensive care, 28 of whom require ventilation.

There were 80,581 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 94,661.

To 11:59pm on Wednesday 3 November 2021 across NSW, 93.8 per cent of people aged 16 and over had received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 89.1 per cent were fully vaccinated.

In the 12-15 year old age group, 79.7 per cent have had their first dose, and 66.3 per cent are fully vaccinated.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 12,458,572 with 4,080,609 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 8,377,963 administered by the GP network, pharmacies and other providers to 11:59pm on Wednesday 3 November 2021.

Of the 249 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 73 are from Hunter New England Local Health District (LHD), 44 are from South Western Sydney LHD, 29 are from Murrumbidgee LHD, 21 are from Mid North Coast LHD, 15 are from South Eastern Sydney, 14 are from Sydney LHD, 14 are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, nine are from Western Sydney LHD, five are from Western NSW LHD, five are from Southern NSW LHD, four are from Northern NSW LHD, four are from Central Coast LHD, two are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, one is from Northern Sydney LHD, one is from Far West LHD and eight are unassigned to a LHD.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 in sewage samples collected from Blayney, Coonabarabran, Quirindi and West Wyalong, where there are no known 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.

In this phase of the pandemic, the onus is on every one of us to keep each other safe, especially our most vulnerable.

This also means wearing a mask where required, practicing physical distancing, particularly in indoor settings, maintaining hand hygiene, and always checking in using the Service NSW app.

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.

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 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.

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-5:20pm Mon-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 Lavery 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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