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## The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

Member for Vaucluse



2 September 2021

Dear Resident

The NSW Government has extended COVID-19 financial assistance including JobSaver payments and payroll tax deferrals, to support businesses during the lockdown. That announcement is included below with information on extended support for residential tenants and landlords, small wedding services now being permitted, more free online TAFE courses and \$8 million to target suicide prevention.

I want to send early good wishes to our Jewish community who will celebrate Rosh Hashanah from next week. I know you may not be able to bring in the New Year as you usually do, but I hope it is 'sweet' nonetheless. A mention to Woollahra-based community service organisation [COA Sydney](#), who continue their essential work to support seniors through their meals-on-wheels and other services. Shana Tova!



## **COVID-19 ECONOMIC SUPPORT MEASURES EXTENDED**

[The NSW Government today announced an additional \\$3.9 billion in funding](#), including \$1.5 billion from the Commonwealth, as part of its COVID-19 economic support package providing ongoing assistance to businesses and individuals affected by current lockdown restrictions across the State.

The NSW Government's additional \$3.9 billion funding, brings the total assistance for businesses and individuals to more than \$11 billion, and will provide:

### **Extension of JobSaver from 28 August**

- Eligible businesses with a turnover between \$75,000 to \$250 million that continue to experience a minimum 30 per cent decline in turnover due to the Public Health Order will be eligible for payments of up to 40 per cent of their pre-COVID weekly NSW payroll;
- Eligible businesses in the hospitality, tourism and recreation sectors with a turnover of more than \$250 million and up to \$1 billion that continue to experience the requisite decline in turnover due to the Public Health Orders will be eligible to receive payments of 40 per cent of their pre-COVID weekly NSW payroll, up to \$500,000 per week;
- Eligible Not-for-Profit (NFP) organisations in the social support and animal welfare sectors with a turnover between \$75,000 and \$250 million that show a minimum 15 per cent decline in turnover will be eligible for payments of up to 40 per cent of their pre-COVID weekly NSW payroll. Eligible NFPs will be able to apply from later in September to access backdated payments.

### **Extension of the COVID-19 Micro-business Grant from 28 August**

- Eligible businesses with a turnover of more than \$30,000 and less than \$75,000 that continue to experience a minimum 30 per cent decline in turnover due to the Public Health Order will be eligible for a fortnightly payment of \$1,500.

### **Extension of payroll tax deferrals and waivers**

- Businesses eligible for a 2021 COVID-19 Business Grant or JobSaver with payrolls \$10 million or less will be eligible for a 50 per cent reduction (waiver) in their 2021-22 payroll tax, up from 25 per cent.
- All businesses will also be able to further defer payroll tax payments due from July 2021 through to December 2021. The payments will now not be due until 14 January 2022, and 12-month interest free repayment plans will become available.

### **Extension of support for commercial, retail, and residential landlords**

- Eligible commercial and retail landlords that provide rental waivers to COVID-19 impacted tenants and have not claimed land tax relief, will be eligible for a monthly grant of up to \$3,000; and
- Eligible residential landlords can choose between applying for land tax relief or a further payment of \$1,500, taking total assistance to a maximum of \$4,500 per

tenancy if they agree to reduce the rent for COVID-19 impacted tenants by at least \$4,500.

A new hardship panel will also assess businesses that do not qualify for COVID-19 grants, on a case-by-case basis.

For more information on the 2021 COVID-19 Support Package visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/2021-covid-19-support-package>.

Support for individuals impacted by the current COVID-19 restrictions and stay-at-home orders is also available through Services Australia. For more information visit: [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/covid19](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/covid19).

### **Financial Assistance Extended for Residential Tenants and Landlords**

The NSW Government [announced an increase to the Residential Tenancy Support Package to up to \\$4,500 per tenancy and an extension to the eviction moratorium until 11 November 2021](#). Transitional measures will also apply after the extended eviction moratorium expires on 11 November 2021, and will limit when terminations can occur for rental debt accrued during the moratorium.

Landlords also have the option to [apply for the COVID-19 land tax benefit](#) instead of applying for the Residential Tenancy Support Payment, which is an offset of the land tax liability equal to the rent reduction granted. Tenants and landlords are encouraged to enter into negotiations in good faith but if you are unable to resolve the issue privately, you can contact [Fair Trading for mediation services](#).

Applications for the increased rebate will open shortly. Landlords who have already claimed the rebate can offer further rent reductions and apply for the increased rebate up to \$4,500. For more information on the package or to apply go to [Residential tenancy support package | NSW Fair Trading](#).

### **Weddings in NSW**

From Saturday, 3 September 2021, small wedding ceremonies will be permitted in NSW under new COVID-19 safety rules. Small weddings may be held outdoors, but not in domestic households. Premises that can currently open for a funeral can also open for a small wedding. Further information is [available here](#).

### **More Free TAFE Courses Announced**

[Additional fee-free TAFE NSW lockdown learning courses have been announced](#) so students can learn at home, and get ready for when the economy opens back up. Recently added courses include using drones in agriculture, starting a career in hairdressing, barbering or beauty, designing spreadsheets, and food safety supervision.

### **Funding Boost for Suicide Prevention in High-Risk Groups**

[A \\$8 million boost to the NSW Government's Suicide Prevention Fund will support services and activities aimed at high-risk groups](#) including older people, the LGBTIQ community and people living in regional NSW. For anyone who is struggling, you can call the below helplines for support and advice:

Lifeline 13 11 14 | Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 | NSW Mental Health Line 1800 011 511

### **New Cycling Link for Queens and Centennial Parks**

[The NSW Government will install new bike and pedestrian paths along Darley Road, Randwick between York Road and Carrington Road](#), following strong demand from local residents. It's

great news especially for kids and parents who use Queens Park for weekend sport.

Check out the designs below and more information on the [Centennial Parklands website](#).



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.

Please be in touch if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Pulli'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned on the left side of the page.



2 September 2021

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

NSW recorded 1,288 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

No new cases were acquired overseas in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, and eight previously reported cases have been excluded following further investigation. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 29,202.

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

A man in his 80s from south-western Sydney died at Campbelltown Hospital.

A woman in her 80s from south-western Sydney died at Liverpool Hospital.

A man in his 70s from south-western Sydney died at Liverpool Hospital. He acquired his infection at the hospital and is the 12th death linked to this outbreak.

A man in his 80s from Sydney's north died at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital. He acquired his infection at the hospital.

A man in his 50s from south-western Sydney died at Royal North Shore Hospital.

A man in his 80s from south-western Sydney died at St George Hospital.

A woman in her 70s from south-western Sydney died in Campbelltown Hospital.

NSW Health extends its deepest sympathies to their loved ones.

There have been 107 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021, and 163 in total since the start of the pandemic.

There have been 23,586 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this outbreak was reported.

There are currently 957 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 160 people in intensive care, 64 of whom require ventilation.

There were 127,428 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 173,913.

NSW Health administered 45,665 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night, including 10,124 at the vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park and 9,518 at the vaccination centre at Qudos Bank Arena.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 7,101,918, with 2,656,870 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 4,445,048 administered by the GP network and other providers to 11:59pm on Tuesday 31 August 2021.

Of the 1,288 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 445 are from Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 387 are from South Western Sydney LHD, 149 are from Sydney LHD, 101 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 82 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 31 are from Northern Sydney LHD, 23 are from Western NSW LHD, 22 are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, seven are from Central Coast LHD, five are from Far West LHD, four are from Hunter New England LHD, 11 are in a correctional centre and 21 cases are yet to be assigned to an LHD.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has recently detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 at sewage treatment plants across NSW. Fragments were detected in Bega and Cooma in Southern NSW LHD and Bomaderry in Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD.

These detections are a concern as there are no known cases in these areas. 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.

From 5am tomorrow (Friday) morning, exercise will no longer be limited to one hour in the local government areas of concern. The curfew will still apply, but exercise is unlimited outside of those hours.

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.

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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:

- **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](#)

[Information for NSW Businesses and Employees](#)

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