

- There have now been almost 11.4 million vaccines administered across NSW! 91.4% of people over 16 have received a first dose, and 77.8% have received both doses. 72.1% of 12-15 year olds have received one dose and 26% are now fully vaccinated.
- NSW will reach our 80% fully vaccinated target over the weekend. This is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to everyone involved in delivering vaccinations and everyone in the community who has come forward to be vaccinated.
- There were 399 locally acquired cases of COVID-19 reported in NSW in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. Sadly, four people have died.
- There has been sewage detection in Hallidays Point, Woolgoolga, West Wyalong and Gulargambone. If you live in these areas or have recently visited, please monitor for symptoms, get tested and get vaccinated if you haven't already.
- We are concerned about rising cases in the Hunter region and also about communities on the border with Victoria.
- Travel between Greater Sydney and regional NSW has been postponed until 1 November. This is to keep our regional communities safe.
- As we will reach our 80% double dose milestone over the weekend, from Monday 18 October the following changes to the rules will come into effect for fully vaccinated people in NSW:
  - 20 people allowed to visit your home
  - 50 people allowed to gather outdoors
  - No caps on weddings and funerals
    - See the rest of the changes at [nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au)
- As NSW reopens, please be cautious wherever you live and make sure that you are familiar with the changing rules. These are all available on [nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au)
- Please remember that the most important thing to do is to get vaccinated. It is crucial to protect yourself, your loved ones and all the people you come into contact with. It's particularly important to protect against serious illness.
  - From 1 November, NSW will no longer require fully vaccinated international or interstate arrivals to undertake home or hotel quarantine. Travellers will be required to have a PCR test prior to departure and provide proof of vaccination status