

- Well done NSW! 92% of people over 16 have received a first dose, and 80.3% have received both doses.
- We thank everyone who has come forward to be vaccinated to protect themselves, their loved ones and the wider community from COVID-19.
- 74.5% of 12-15 year olds have received one dose and around 34% are now fully vaccinated. This is an amazing achievement in such a short space of time.
- There were 265 locally acquired cases of COVID-19 reported in NSW in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. Sadly, five people have died.
- It is essential that we continue to come forward for testing, because this allows us to find COVID-19 cases and stop them spreading in the community.
- Getting vaccinated is our best defence against COVID-19 and greatly reduces your risk of getting seriously ill. A high proportion of people in intensive care are not vaccinated.
- Suburbs of concern include Wallsend, Hassall Grove, Auburn, Charlestown, Blacktown and Yagoona. Please come forward if you have even very minor symptoms.
- We are pleasingly seeing some students return to school today. A reminder to be vigilant for symptoms, which may be very mild in young children, and to explain the importance of COVID-Safe behaviours to them.
- People who do not have strong immune systems may need a third dose of vaccine. Please speak to your doctor or pharmacist about what is right for you.
- As NSW reopens, please make sure that you are familiar with the changing rules. These are all available on [nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au)
- Thank you very much to the community for all your efforts. We still need to be mindful of the threat COVID poses and remember to practice mask wearing, physical distancing and other measures to keep each other safe.