

NSW recorded 644 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. Sadly there have been four deaths.

- The Greater Sydney lockdown will extend until the end of September. Masks will also be mandatory outside unless you are exercising.

From Monday, 23 August the following additional rules will apply for residents and businesses in the LGAs of concern:

- Curfews will be introduced from 9pm to 5am (except for [authorised workers](#), emergencies or medical care) to help reduce the movement of young people
- Outdoor exercise is limited to one hour per day
- The following retail premises must close except for click and collect: garden centres and plant nurseries, office supplies, hardware and building supplies, landscaping material supplies, rural supplies, and pet supplies (tradespeople are allowed to shop in-store where relevant)
- All exams and other education or professional development related activities will move online, not including the HSC. The government will provide further information on its education plan in due course.

The following new restrictions around workplaces and [authorised workers](#) from the LGAs of concern will be introduced:

- Childcare workers and disability support workers who live or work in the LGAs of concern must have their first vaccination dose by 30 August;
- Authorised workers who work outside their LGA of concern are only permitted to work if rapid antigen testing is implemented at their work-site or they have had their first vaccination dose by 30 August.
- From Saturday, 28 August, authorised workers from the LGAs of concern are required to carry a permit from Service NSW declaring that they are an authorised worker and cannot work from home; and
- From Saturday, 28 August, anyone entering an LGA of concern for the purposes of work must carry a worker permit issued by Service NSW.

Workers from the Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland and Fairfield LGAs will no longer have to have been tested for COVID-19 in the previous 72 hours to work outside their LGA.

- Do not send your children to childcare or school unless you absolutely have to.
- Priority Pfizer vaccination appointments are available this week and next week for all 16-39 year olds living in LGAs of concern. Please come forward to get vaccinated. To book visit: [Priority COVID-19 vaccination booking for 16 to 39 year-olds | NSW Government](#)
- If you enter or leave an area of concern without a good reason, you will receive a fine and you will also have to self-isolate. Two more permit systems will come into effect next week for those leaving or entering the LGAs of concern for essential work.
- We understand this is going to be very hard for everyone across NSW, but we need to work together to stop the spread, to stop hospitalisations and to stop deaths. We can get on top of this. We need these additional measures to protect ourselves and our loved ones.