

- NSW recorded 882 locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. Sadly two people have died.
- Thank you to the 143,000 people who got vaccinated yesterday. We have now reached 6.2 million vaccinations and nearly 62% of the population has had their first dose. If you haven't had your vaccine yet, please book in urgently at nsw.gov.au
- Greater Western Sydney and Southwest Sydney still have over 80% of cases. Make sure you know the [lockdown rules](#) in your area and please adhere to the advice. In particular we want to call out Camden and the rest of the Penrith LGA. Please be extra careful.
- There were over 118,000 tests yesterday. Please do not hesitate to get tested if you have even mild symptoms or are a contact of a case. This is especially important in Tamworth, Merimbula, Picton and Nyngan.
- We have a plan for students to return to school from 25 October. There will be strict measures in place and a staggered approach beginning with kindergarten and year one. Year 2, 6 and 11 will return from 1 November. All remaining year groups from 8 November.
- HSC exams will be delayed until 9 November. A new timetable will be released in September.
- Everyone who works on a school campus must be vaccinated by 8 November. There will be priority vaccination appointments for teachers. We are pleased that there is already a very high rate of vaccination.
- Thank you to everyone who has been working with education and health to support students and parents. We look forward to welcoming students back in a safe and sensible way.
- We are very lucky to have a very well connected and resourced health system. We have done a lot of work across the system to make sure that our workforce is well equipped, well trained and up to date.