

Thursday 21 April 2022

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Across NSW, more than 95 per cent of people aged 16 and over have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 94.7 per cent have received two doses to Tuesday 19 April 2022.

- Of children aged 12 to 15, 83.3 per cent have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 79.5 per cent have received two doses.
- Of children aged 5 to 11, 49.9 per cent have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 33 per cent have received two doses.
- Of people aged 16 plus, 61.9 per cent have now received a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. This represents 65.8 per cent of the eligible population that received their second dose more than three months ago.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 17,730,874, with 5,047,957 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 12,682,917 administered by the GP network, pharmacies and other providers to 11:59pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022.

NSW Health encourages everyone who is eligible to receive a vaccination or their booster dose to book into a NSW Health vaccination clinic or another provider without delay through the [COVID-19 vaccine clinic finder](#).

Sadly, NSW Health is today reporting the deaths of 16 people with COVID-19; nine men and seven women.

Six people were aged in their 70s, five people were aged in their 80s, four people were aged in their 90s and one person was aged more than 100-years-old. Older age is a significant risk factor for serious illness and death for COVID-19, particularly when combined with significant underlying health conditions.

Twelve people had received three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, one person had received two doses, one person had received one dose and two people were unvaccinated.

Three people were from south western Sydney, two people were from western Sydney, one person was from Sydney's north-west, one person was from northern Sydney, one person was from south eastern Sydney, one person was from Wollongong, one person was from Goulburn, one person was from NSW's central west, one person was from Tamworth, one person was from the Hunter region, one person was from New England, one person was from the Lake Macquarie area and one person was from Orange.

NSW Health expresses its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 2,657.

There are currently 1,641 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, including 69 people in intensive care, 22 of whom require ventilation.

There were 17,447 positive test results notified in the 24 hours to 4pm yesterday – including 9,596 positive rapid antigen tests (RATs) and 7,851 positive PCR tests. The positive PCR results were returned from a total of 42,367 PCR tests.

Following further investigation, 9 COVID-19 cases reported by RAT have been excluded. There has now been a total of 883,964 positive RATs recorded since reporting began on 13 January 2022.

Following further investigation, 63 COVID-19 cases detected by PCR tests have been excluded and 640 cases previously reported as RAT-positive have been confirmed as PCR-positive cases, bringing the total number of cases detected by PCR tests in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic to 1,288,142.

The latest [NSW COVID-19 weekly data overview](#) for the week ending 16 April shows 94,608 people were diagnosed with COVID-19 during that week, a decrease of 24 per cent compared with the previous week.

The rate of people diagnosed with COVID-19 has decreased in younger age groups and has stabilised in older age groups.

The number of people being admitted to hospital has decreased. The seven-day rolling average of daily hospital admissions was 142 admissions during the week ending 16 April, compared with 162 admissions at the end of the previous week.

The seven-day rolling average of daily intensive care admissions increased, with an average of 13 admissions, compared with 10 admissions at the end of the previous week. Some people with COVID-19 may be admitted to hospital or intensive care for reasons other than COVID-19.

NSW Health continues to urge everyone to take four simple precautions to protect each other:

- use a mask in indoor settings where you cannot maintain a safe physical distance from others
- get your booster vaccine,
- get a test and isolate immediately if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, and
- clean your hands regularly.

Cases confirmed by PCR test and registered as RAT positive in the 24 hours to 4pm 20 April 2022, by Local Health District:

LHD	Positive PCR tests	Positive RATs	Total cases
Hunter New England	889	1,528	2,417
Western Sydney	1,162	875	2,037
Northern Sydney	941	1,092	2,033
South Eastern Sydney	958	944	1,902
South Western Sydney	968	858	1,826
Sydney	842	707	1,549
Illawarra Shoalhaven	426	446	872
Nepean Blue Mountains	352	464	816
Central Coast	282	498	780
Northern NSW	146	573	719
Western NSW	246	442	688
Murrumbidgee	144	461	605
Southern NSW	254	303	557
Mid North Coast	42	317	359
Far West	17	49	66
Correctional settings	4	0	4
Hotel quarantine	1	0	1
Under investigation	177	39	216
Total	7,851	9,596	17,447

COVID-19 vaccination update

NSW COVID-19 vaccination rate	Total* (ages 16 and over)	Total* (ages 12 – 15)	Total* (ages 5 -11)
All providers – first doses	> 95%	83.3%	49.9%
All providers – second doses	94.7%	79.5%	33%
All providers – third doses (ages 16 and over)	61.9%	n/a	n/a

*to 11:59pm 19 April 2022

COVID-19 vaccination doses administered by NSW Health	Doses past 24 hours*	All doses
NSW Health – first doses	72	2,313,453
NSW Health – second doses	343	2,014,452
NSW Health – third doses	750	720,052
Total	1,165	5,047,957

*notified from 8pm 19 April to 8pm 20 April 2022.