

18 December 2020

## **PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – URGENT CALL FOR TESTING**

Due to increasing COVID-19 case numbers associated with the Avalon cluster and concerns over wider transmission, NSW Health is issuing an urgent call to all residents of NSW – not only those in the Northern Beaches – to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

Anyone in the state with even the mildest symptoms such as headache, fatigue, cough, sore throat or runny nose, is asked to come forward immediately for testing, then isolate until a negative result is received.

The source of these infections remains under investigation, though genome sequencing points to the strain being of US origin.

Residents of the Northern Beaches have been asked to stay home as much as possible over the next three days to assist with contact tracing and reducing transmission.

Anyone in the Northern Beaches LGA has also been asked today to wear a mask when indoors for at least the next 72 hours, excepting your own home.

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 have visited a number of locations around Sydney.

Close and casual contacts:

- Sienna Marina, 7-41 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoolo, 11 December, 12-2pm. Anyone who spent one hour or longer at the restaurant at this time must get tested and isolate until December 25. Other patrons should monitor for symptoms, and isolate and get tested immediately if symptoms appear.
- Pilgrims Vegetarian Café, 97 Gerrale St, Cronulla, 16 December 11.30am-2.30pm. Anyone who was at the café during this time for one hour or more must be tested immediately and isolate until 30 December. Other patrons should monitor for symptoms, and get tested immediately if they appear.
- Cronulla RSL Club, 38 Gerrale St, Cronulla on 16 December, 5pm to closing time. Anyone who was at the RSL at this time must get tested and isolate until further notice. Close contacts will need to isolate until 30 December.

Anyone who attended the following locations is considered a close contact and must get tested and isolate for 14 days regardless of the result:

- Hair by Erika, Village Shopping Centre Lane Cove, 11 December, 3.30-5pm
- Rusti Fig Café Newport, 12 December, 9-10am
- Salon of Hair Turramurra, 15 December, 10am-3pm, and 16 December, 9.30am-3.30pm

People who have visited the following locations are casual contacts, and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result:

- Coles Newport, 11 December, 5-7pm, and 12 December, 3.15-3.30pm
- Hills Florist, Terrey Hills, 12 December, 8-8.45am – close contacts have been contacted directly by NSW Health
- Restaurant Lovat, Newport, 12 December, 2.15-2.25pm and 4.10-4.15pm
- Nourished Wholefood Café, Avalon, 12 December, 7.30-7.40am
- RAN Sailing Association Darling Point, Navy Bear Café and Christmas party, 13 December, 10am-4pm
- Sabiang Thai Restaurant, 4/49 Old Barrenjoey Rd, Avalon Beach, 13 December, 6-8pm
- Seven West Media Building, 8 Central Ave, Eveleigh, 14 December, 8-11.30am
- Mentmore and Morley Café and public toilets, 55 Mentmore Ave, Roseberry, 14 December 10am-3pm
- Harris Farm, Mona Vale Plaza, 14 December, 11-11.10am
- Paris Seafood Café, 136 Cronulla, 15 December, 8.30-9pm
- Cronulla Mall, 15 December, 8-9pm and 16 December 11am-12pm
- Blend @ Grantham Café, Riverstone, 16 December 11-11.45am
- Westfield Bondi Junction, 15 December, 1-2.30pm
- Forest Way Fruit Market, 2 Myoora St, Terrey Hills, 16 December, 4-4.10pm

### **Transport**

Confirmed cases travelled on the following transport services. Other passengers are considered to be casual contacts, and should get tested and isolate until a negative result is received.

- Ferry from Palm Beach to Wagstaffe, 16 December, 6.15pm-6.35pm
- Forest Coach Lines buses between Forestville and the CBD
  - Route 273, 15 December, Departing Jamieson Square, Forestville, 7.10am and arriving QVB, 8am
  - Route 271, 15 December, Departing QVB 5.25pm and arriving Austlink Business Park Belrose 6.28pm
  - Route 273, 16 December, Departing Jamieson Square, Forestville 7.10am and arriving QVB, CBD, 8am
  - Route 271, 16 December, Departing QVB 5.25pm and arriving Austlink Business Park Belrose, 6.28pm

Many other locations have been added to the list of venues of concern visited by confirmed cases in recent days. The complete list of these venues are available on the NSW Health website [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

Everyone is urged to ensure they maintain physical distance at all times. Please wear a mask in places where this is not possible, such as on public transport and in taxis and rideshares, in supermarkets, shopping centres and at places of worship.

All businesses are urged to ensure full compliance with their COVID-Safe plans, including appropriate electronic recording of patrons' contact details.

There are more than 300 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics> or contact your GP.