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From: Coleman, Kerry (Health)
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 6:44 PM
To: Leigh, Kathy; Jonasson, Kylie (Health); Cross, Rebecca; Brighton, Meg (Health); Cook, Michael; Stephen-Smith, Rachel
Subject: Re: Confidential Tasmanian Border Update

Thanks Kathy - the implementation of quarantine from an expanded area from a certain date moving forward makes sense from a risk perspective (as the cluster unfolds) if we decide to extend, although more complex from a messaging, implementation, etc...

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From: Leigh, Kathy <Kathy.Leigh@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 6:32:09 PM
To: Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; STEPHEN-SMITH <STEPHEN-SMITH@act.gov.au>; Jonasson, Kylie (Health) <Kylie.Jonasson@act.gov.au>; Cross, Rebecca <Rebecca.Cross@act.gov.au>; Brighton, Meg (Health) <Meg.Brighton@act.gov.au>; Cook, Michael <Michael.Cook@act.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Confidential Tasmanian Border Update
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Subject: Confidential Tasmanian Border Update

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Hi All

As a result of the increasing number of cases associated with the Sydney Northern beaches cluster and an increasing number of risk locations across greater Sydney, the Director of Public Health has **declared the Greater Sydney area medium risk from midnight tonight. The Northern Beaches area remains defined as a high-risk area.**

What this means that from tomorrow, anyone who travels to Tasmania from the Greater Sydney area (as defined in the GSC Act

<https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-2015-057#sch.1>) other than the Northern Beaches area will have to quarantine for 14 days from arrival unless they have an exemption which they will have to seek through the G2G app (more information is provided at <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/coming-to-tasmania/medium-risk-areas>). If people have a suitable residence to quarantine in, they will be allowed to quarantine there. Other people in this residence who haven't travelled with them will not be required to quarantine. If you don't have a suitable residence to quarantine in, you will need to quarantine in Government accommodation for 14 days.

The rest of NSW will remain as low risk for now. For anyone who is already in Tasmania there is no change and they will just be encouraged to get tested, however the Director of Public Health will continue to monitor this matter.

Our website will have all the information live from 4:30pm and people who have already registered to come into Tasmanian through the Tassie Travel App will receive a text message providing them with an update information. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Cheers

Craig!



Craig A Limkin
Acting Secretary and State Recovery Advisor

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From: Reid, David (Health)
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 6:51 PM
To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health)
Subject: RE: NSW Northern Beaches cluster update

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Acknowledged. He's accepted the invite.

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Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 6:39 PM
To: Reid, David (Health) <David.Reid@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: NSW Northern Beaches cluster update

Can you please text him to ensure he is aware, in case he is not checking his emails
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Acknowledged. Meeting invite sent, Patrick Wells included in attendance list.

Please let me know how I can help re agenda and items.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: NSW Northern Beaches cluster update

Dear all

Tonight's update - please note in confidence, particularly case numbers and details, until NSW releases data:

- NSW case numbers continue to rise - majority still reside in Northern Beaches (Avalon region)... a handful reside outside of NB area
- Some seeding of locations outside of NB due to visiting by positive cases - list on NSW website
- Only 1 cluster detected outside of NB - workplace cluster of 4 in Sydney
- Testing remains high, turnaround times adequate
- NSW considering reimplementing of last level of restrictions across NSW - for announcement and implementation tomorrow... due to anticipated high level of movement around NSW with Christmas and school holidays

ACT implication

- Make preparations in am so ready to expand quarantine region to greater Sydney if evidence of transmission rises outside Northern Beaches (one cluster at present)
- Consider need to apply similar tightening of restrictions in ACT mirroring NSW

Actions

- AHPPC tomorrow at 1pm
- David - please organise a 10am meeting for HECC team - including CHECC liaison - i will email agenda and items i need worked up before then
- Question - should we (MSS/DG/CG) discuss pros/cons of community restrictions in line with NSW and at what point?
- I am not sure of timing on announcement and coming into effect in NSW, sometime Sunday.
- Currently we have NO people who are close contacts/been to the specific venues/locations - but do know of numbers who are in quarantine from being in this region in general...
- This decision depends on likelihood of seeding - at present no close contacts identified and parameters of cluster still being identified
- My current feeling is that we would not do this before Monday... we are not the source of the cluster, and have more time to implement if needed.
- Recommendation - current plan is to reconsider current parameters of response on Monday morning for scope of quarantine direction. Suggest need for community restrictions are included in this - if escalation of risk outside of NB tomorrow at AHPPC then reconsider need for meeting Sunday afternoon with MO/DG/CG.

Happy for discussion, calls, other thoughts etc.

Thanks all,

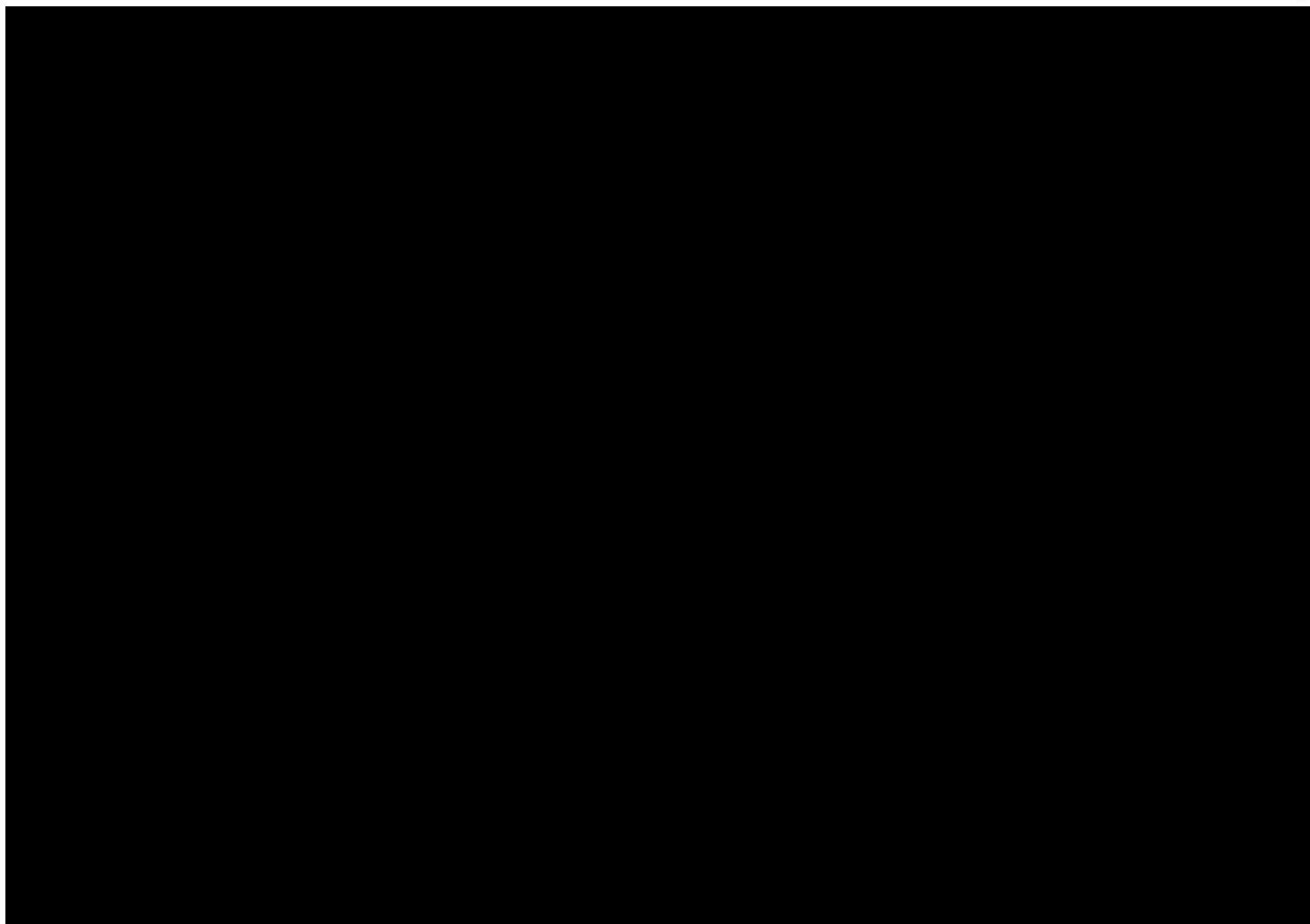
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Hi all

Key points from AHPPC catch up today (thanks for keeping in confidence):



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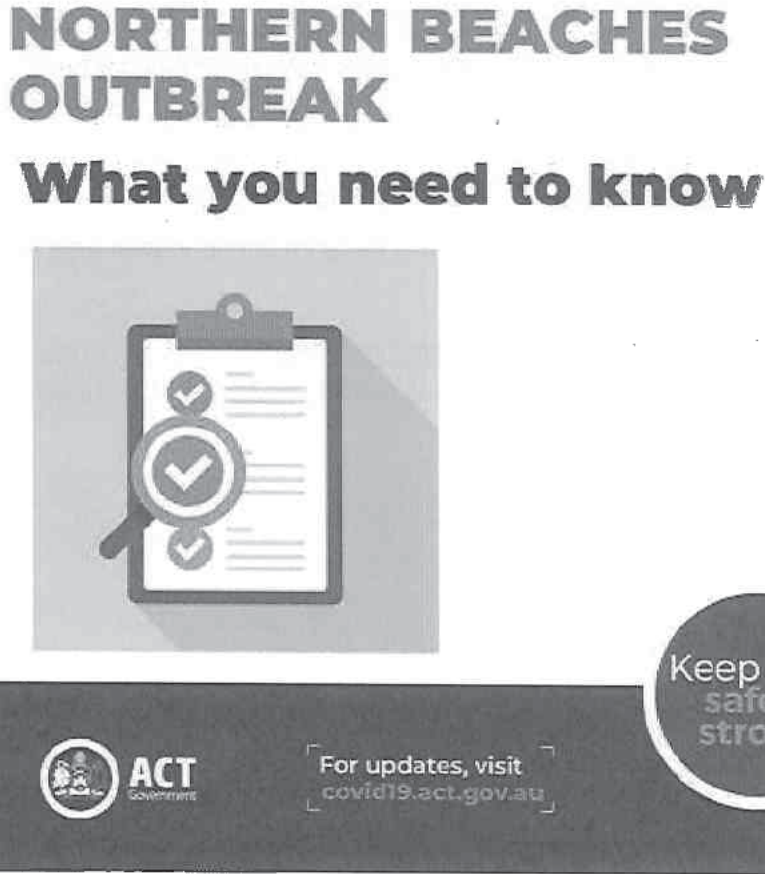
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Some **public transport routes** are also affected and are listed on the NSW website. Please follow the NSW Health advice about these public transport routes AND call the ACT Health COVID-19 team on (02) 5124 9213 if you have been on a public transport route where you are considered a close contact.

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3. Visit the NSW website to see the list of locations where you either need to 'self-isolate and get tested' or 'monitor for symptoms if you've been to these locations' if you've been there during the times and dates identified by NSW Health. Some of these locations are outside of the Sydney Northern Beaches Local Government Area. Follow the advice below if you have been to one of these locations:

Anyone who has been to a 'self-isolate and get tested' location at the times and dates identified by NSW Health on their website should quarantine for 14 days from that date, get tested even if they have no symptoms, get retested if symptoms occur AND they must contact the ACT Health COVID-19 team on (02) 5124 9213. Even if they get a negative test result, they must stay in quarantine until 14 days after they were last there.

Anyone who has been to a 'monitor for symptoms if you've been to these locations' identified by NSW Health should get tested and self-isolate until you receive a negative test result. After you receive a negative test result you can leave quarantine but you must remain vigilant for symptoms and get tested again even if you have the mildest of symptoms.

Some **public transport routes** are also affected and are listed on the NSW website. Please follow the NSW Health advice about these public transport routes AND call the ACT Health COVID-19 team on (02) 5124 9213 if you have been on a public transport route where you are considered a close contact.

NORTHERN BEACHES OUTBREAK

What you need to know



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For information on testing clinics go to the [Symptoms and getting tested page](#).

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NORTHERN BEACHES OUTBREAK

What you need to know



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Subject: Urgent Action - Agenda and Discussion for On-Call Officer Briefing - 1000hrs Sunday 20 December
Attachments: Agenda.docx

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Good evening,

The CHO has prepared an agenda for tomorrow's on-call officer briefing at 1000hrs.

Please review the agenda and prepare input on the discussion points identified by the CHO.

Kind regards,

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Agenda – Northern Beaches Cluster – On-call Officer Teleconference

Sunday 20 December 1000hrs

1. AHPPC update
2. Operations update – numbers close contact, in quarantine whom we know about, quarantine circumstances and management, phone call volume, information from NSW about contacts - are the GP RAC centres open on weekends? Numbers if so?
3. Exemptions update – numbers, details
4. CHECC – testing numbers, turnaround time (lab capacity), qualitative info from testing centres
5. Comms update – media and social feedback
6. Considerations:
 - a. Preparation for extension of public health declaration to Greater Sydney - what needs to happen re comms, testing centres, ops capacity.
 - b. Preparation for identifying and recording people in self-quarantine - ops capacity.
 - c. Development of briefing paper on reimplementation of restrictions - triggers, risks, benefits.

Pond, Aleks (Health)

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Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 7:26 PM
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Thanks kathy

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Hi All

As a result of the increasing number of cases associated with the Sydney Northern beaches cluster and an increasing number of risk locations across greater Sydney, the Director of Public Health has **declared the Greater Sydney area medium risk from midnight tonight. The Northern Beaches area remains defined as a high-risk area.**

What this means that from tomorrow, anyone who travels to Tasmania from the Greater Sydney area (as defined in the GSC Act <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-2015-057#sch.1>) other

than the Northern Beaches area will have to quarantine for 14 days from arrival unless they have an exemption which they will have to seek through the G2G app (more information is provided at <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/coming-to-tasmania/medium-risk-areas>). If people have a suitable residence to quarantine in, they will be allowed to quarantine there. Other people in this residence who haven't travelled with them will not be required to quarantine. If you don't have a suitable residence to quarantine in, you will need to quarantine in Government accommodation for 14 days.

The rest of NSW will remain as low risk for now. For anyone who is already in Tasmania there is no change and they will just be encouraged to get tested, however the Director of Public Health will continue to monitor this matter.

Our website will have all the information live from 4:30pm and people who have already registered to come into Tasmania through the Tassie Travel App will receive a text message providing them with an update information. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Cheers

Craig!



Craig A Limkin
Acting Secretary and State Recovery Advisor

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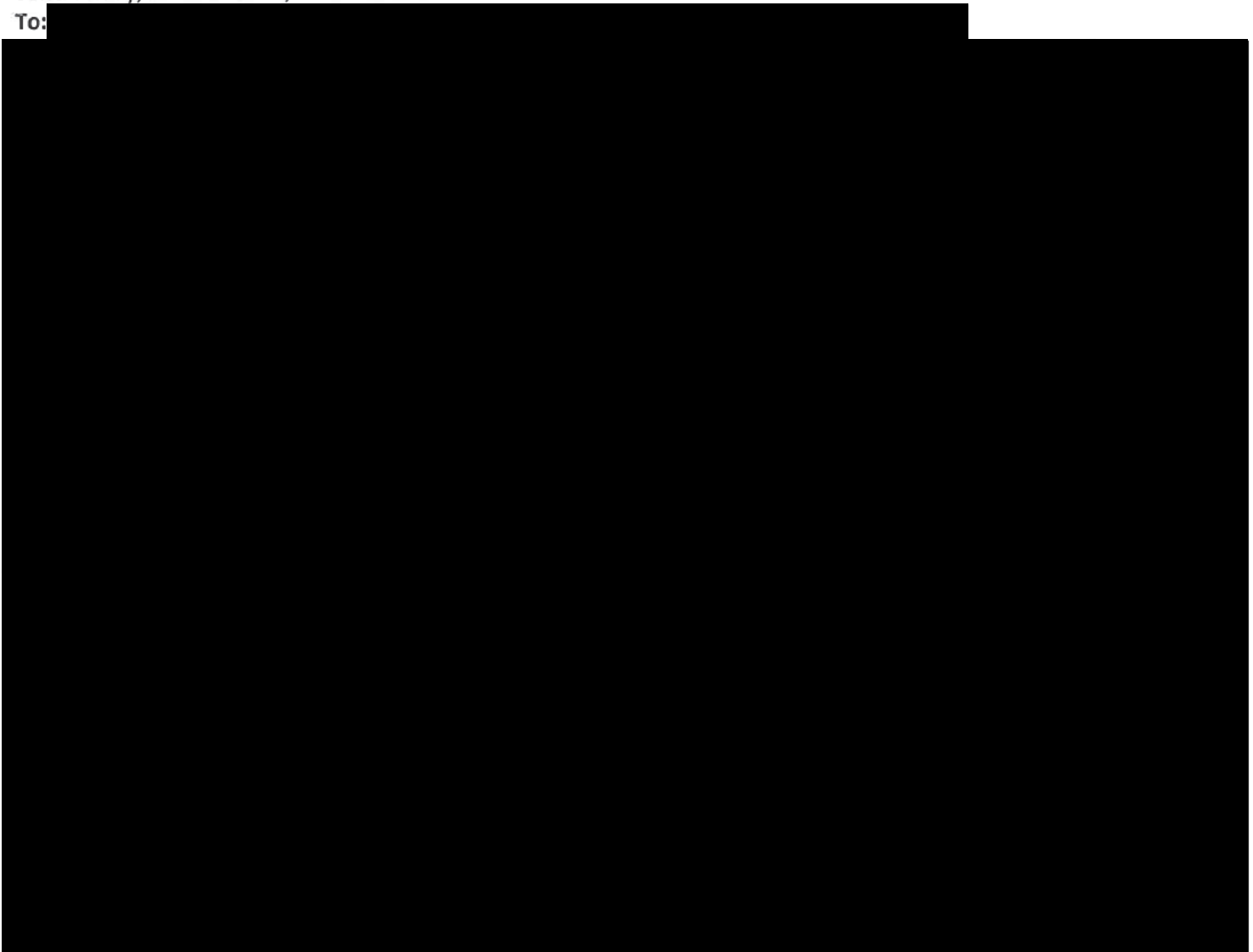
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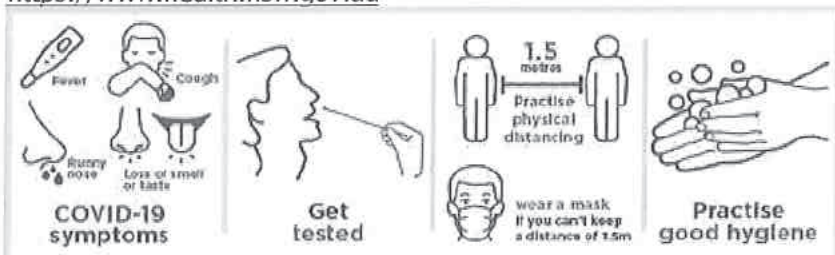
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the Public Health Response Branch Situation Report #332 - 18 December 2020.

Public Health Procedures Team | **Public Health Response Branch**

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au>



Visit the [NSW Health website](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au) for the latest information on COVID-19.



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NSW Health Public Health Response Branch COVID-19 Situation Report

Report details

SITREP #	332	Date of issue	18/12/2020 20:00
Last SITREP	17/12/2020 20:00	Next SITREP	19/12/2020 20:00
The Public Health Response Branch (PHRB) remains operational. Australia remains at pandemic phase 'targeted response'.			
Distribution	Minister's office MOH Executive NSW Health Agency Executive NSW Health PHUs	State Emergency Operations Controller State Health Emergency Operations Centre (SHEOC) NSW Police NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet ACT Health	

Surveillance

Key data

As at 8pm 18 December 2020

Additional information is available in the Appendix

Table 1: Daily and cumulative COVID-19 case and testing data summary

Cases in the last 24 hours*	30
Tests in the last 24 hours*	12,374
Deaths in the last 24 hours*	0
Total Cases	4,523
Total Tests ¹	3,664,537
Total Deaths	55

*Notified since 8pm 17 December 2020.

¹ PCR tests are defined as one test per person per day, up to and including a positive detection (i.e. excludes tests for confirmed cases after their first positive test)

Table 2: Daily and cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by likely source of infection in NSW, reported up to 8pm 18 December 2020

Likely source of infection	Cases last 24 hours*	Cases last 7 days**	Cases all
Overseas	7	32	2,522
Interstate	0	0	90
Locally acquired - linked to known case or cluster	21	38	1,475
Locally acquired - no links to known case or cluster	0	0	433
Locally acquired – investigation ongoing	2	3	3
Under initial investigation	0	0	0
Total	30	73	4,523

Note: Case counts reported for a particular day may vary over time due to ongoing investigations and case review.

*notified since 8pm on 17 December 2020

**from 12 December up to 8pm 18 December 2020

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Epi data is available on the NSW Health website: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/recent-case-updates.aspx>

The latest weekly report has been released and is available at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/weekly-reports.aspx>.

There are no cases in ICU.

In total there are 69 COVID confirmed patients admitted in NSW Health (incl. ICU, other ward types, hospital in the home, and other out of hospital care). Most (96%) are in non-acute out of hospital care.

A full report on sewage surveillance is published in the COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance in NSW reports. The weekly reports are available at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/weekly-reports.aspx>

International travellers

Quarantine Hotel Surveillance

	Tested	Pending	Positive	%Positive	Refused (%)
Symptomatic (since 29 March 2020)					
17-Dec	23	0	0	0.0	
Total	8,021	0	166	2.1	
Asymptomatic – Quarantine Day 2 (since 30 June 2020)					
16-Dec	327	0	6	1.8	
17-Dec	318	24	0	0.0	
Total	59,380	24	349	0.6	
Asymptomatic – Quarantine Day 10 (since 15 May 2020)					
15-Dec	504	0	0	0.0	0.0%
16-Dec	386	0	0	0.0	0.0%
17-Dec	403	4	0	0.0	0.0%
Total	71,619	4	163	0.2	264 (0.4%)

New Zealand passengers symptomatic or tested on arrival since October 16 2020:

Collection date	Tested	Pending	Positive	%Positive
18-Dec	0	0	0	0
Total	21	0	0	0

International Airport arrival passenger screening:

Date of screening	Number of arrivals screened for symptoms	Symptomatic arrivals transferred to hospital for further evaluation and testing	Percent evaluated and tested
16 Dec 2020	782	10	1.3
17 Dec 2020	813	12	1.5
Total since 02 Feb 2020	196,521	2,295	1.2

Public health preparedness and response

Clusters and high-risk settings

LOCALLY ACQUIRED CASES

There are 23 new cases reported today who acquired COVID-19 locally. 2 of the 23 remain under investigation.

AVALON CLUSTER

21 of the locally acquired cases reported today are linked to the cluster. There are now 38 cases linked to this cluster. The source of the cluster remains under investigation. The cases attended multiple venues and contract tracing is underway. 15 cases in the cluster have attended the Avalon RSL and 23 cases have attended the Avalon Bowling Club with 8 of these 38 who have attended both. Investigations are ongoing.

JAPARA BAYVIEW GARDENS AGED CARE HOME

One case reported today works at a residential aged care facility. Risk assessment is underway.

SOUTH SYDNEY CASE

One newly reported case from 16 December is a driver who transports flight crew to and from the airport and their hotels. Investigations into possible transmission from flight crew to this case are underway. Close contacts are being identified, tested and isolated.

INTERSTATE/OVERSEAS ACQUIRED

There are 7 new cases reported today who acquired COVID-19 overseas.

A list of venues attended by cases where people may be at risk of infection is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>.

Policy**Key updates**

The Minister has made the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 7) Amendment Order which commenced on 17 December.

The Amending Order amends the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 7) 2020 to:

- Update the reference to the checklists so that a COVID-19 safety plan under the Order must address the matters in the relevant checklist as updated from time to time
- Update the definition of agricultural field days (as the current definition doesn't appropriately capture field days)
- Remove the references to "regional" from the provisions relating to regional agricultural shows, so that it is clear that the relevant provisions apply to all agricultural shows
- Include a new provision requiring the organiser of an outdoor rehearsal or performance to ensure all persons attending as spectators are assigned to a specific seat or seating area.

The Public Health (COVID-19 Aged Care Facilities) Order (No 4) 2020

The No 4 Order replaces the existing Public Health (COVID-19 Aged Care Facilities) Order (No 3) 2020 and continues most of the restrictions and requirements in the No 3 Order (relating to limiting entry and requiring person permitted to enter to be screened prior to entry), the No 4 order loosens the restrictions that apply in residential aged care facilities by:

- removing the restrictions on the number of care and support visitors a resident can receive at one time (that is, residents will no longer be limited to two visitors per visit)
- removing the requirement for persons entering to provide a care and support visit to have the flu vaccination
- allowing a person to enter a residential aged care facility to provide a "welfare or wellbeing" visit to residents or to accompany a prospective resident. Such visitors do not have to have a flu vaccination.

However, the No 4 Order requires the operator of a residential aged care facility to consider the advice of the Chief Health Officer in deciding the number of visitors who can enter the premises.

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	<p>The Minister has made the <u>Public Health (COVID-19 Maritime Quarantine) Order (No 4) 2020</u> which commenced on 14 December.</p> <p>The No 4 Order is substantially the same as the current Public Health (COVID-19 Maritime Quarantine) Order (No 3) apart from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a person disembarks a vessel or leaves a quarantine facility because of an emergency, they must comply with directions of the Commissioner of Police, • A person who is allowed to temporarily embark on a vessel to perform functions or provide services must disembark immediately after providing the functions or services, • Minor changes are also made to define a "wharf" (under the Order, the occupier of the wharf must develop and comply with a COVID-19 safety plan), • The use of a hire care will be considered "appropriate transportation" for transporting crew between a vessel and a quarantine/medical facility or an airport. <p>The Minister has made the <u>Public Health (COVID-19 Air Transportation Quarantine) Order (No 4) 2020</u> which commenced on 14 December.</p> <p>The No 4 Order continues the existing restrictions in the current Public Health (COVID-19 Air Transportation Quarantine) Order (No 3) 2020, subject to certain amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a "designated quarantine facility worker" cannot carry out services, or continue to carry out services, at a quarantine facility unless the person has been tested for COVID-19 in accordance with the NSW Testing Program for that class of workers. Similar restrictions apply to a "designated transportation worker". The NSW Testing Program will be set out in the Quarantine Worker Surveillance and Testing Program, which must be approved by the Chief Health Officer. The NSW Testing Program sets out when different categories of worker must be tested – if a worker in that category is not tested in accordance with the Program, they cannot provide services at the quarantine facility until they have been tested. On 14 December, the only category of workers that will be required to be tested in order to provide services will be persons providing security services (but not police officers). The category of workers included in the Testing Program may expand as time goes on. • The No 4 Order also requires a person who leaves a quarantine facility because of an emergency to comply with the directions of the Commissioner of Police. • The Order also requires designated air crew who are self isolating to comply with the <i>Air Transportation Guidelines</i> as updated from time to time. <p>The No 4 Order commenced at the beginning of 14 December 2020.</p>
COVID-19 National Guidelines	<p>The COVID-19 CDNA National Guidelines for Public Health Units (COVID-19 SoNG) V3.11 was published on 10 December 2020. Changes from the last version have been highlighted within the link.</p> <p>https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm</p>
Communications	
Public Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NSW Health website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daily case updates https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/latest-updates.aspx, https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/stats-nsw.aspx, https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/stats-local.aspx and https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/recent-case-updates.aspx ▪ Updated case locations

- Areas with increased testing updated to Northern Beaches LGA and Penrith LGA <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx#increased-testing>
- Multiple close contact venues added <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx#self-isolate>
- Multiple casual contact venues added <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx#monitor>
- Multiple public transport routes added <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx#routes>
- Updated advice
 - Residential aged care facilities <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racf-latest-advice.aspx> linked from <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/aged-care.aspx>
 - Disability support providers <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/disability-latest-advice.aspx> linked from <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/disability-support.aspx>
 - Home care services <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/home-care-latest-advice.aspx> linked from <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/disability-support.aspx>
- Weekly surveillance report added <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Documents/covid-19-surveillance-report-20201212.pdf> linked from <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/weekly-reports.aspx>
- DCS website
 - Updated case locations
 - Areas and suburbs with increased testing updated to Northern Beaches LGA and Penrith LGA <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>
 - Public health advice for Northern Beaches added to case alerts page <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>
 - Multiple close contact venues added <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#self-isolate-and-get-tested>
 - Multiple casual contact venues added <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#monitor-for-symptoms>
 - Multiple public transport routes added <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>
 - Northern Beaches clinics page added <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/clinics/northern-beaches> linked from <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>
- Stakeholder communications
 - Targeted translations for key communities in Northern Sydney LHD with recent public health advice and alerts

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social tiles with full list of testing clinics on Northern Beaches produced and shared with Northern Sydney LHD ▪ Reviewed messaging for DCS paid advertising on social media, online, out-of-home, VMS to support recent public health alerts and advice around Avalon cluster ▪ Developed social tiles with health advice for Northern Beaches LGA and Penrith LGA for Aboriginal audience ▪ In development: Steps for Contact Tracing factsheet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live: Dr Jan Q&A, 11am press conference ○ Posts: Daily case numbers, public health alert – new public health advice for Northern Beaches LGA, public health alert for new venues in Northern Sydney and Northern Beaches, list of all testing clinics on Northern Beaches, announcement about intermittent website outages, public health advisory – masks on Northern Beaches, public health alert – urgent call for testing and new venues ○ In development: Stay safe/comfortable if queueing for testing • Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily case numbers issued https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20201218_00.aspx • 11am press conference https://vimeo.com/492324077/71b062cfdc • Public Health Alert – new public health advice Northern Beaches LGA https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20201217_02.aspx • Public Health Alert – new venues in Northern Sydney and Northern Beaches https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20201217_03.aspx • Public Health Alert – urgent call for testing, new venues https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20201218_02.aspx • Public Health Advisory – mask use in Northern Beaches LGA https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20201218_01.aspx
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Subject: RE: URGENT: Social post for Sunday morning

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Totally agree, and I've asked Alex to make the focus of tomorrow's message to be reconsidering all travel to Sydney.

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Subject: Re: URGENT: Social post for Sunday morning

Hi Kerryn

I think (hope) Penny has clocked off. We could amend the first point to read as follows, if you'd like to go down this route:

Do not to travel to the Northern Beaches area of Sydney at this time. We also urge you to reconsider plans to travel to the Greater Sydney area at this time. People from the Northern Beaches area should not travel to the ACT.

Let me know, and we can action in the morning 😊

Amanda

Amanda Whitley

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I'm wavering on the travel advice one - and wondering if we should add something like "please reconsider travel to Greater Sydney or similar as per Jo's email on nsw...

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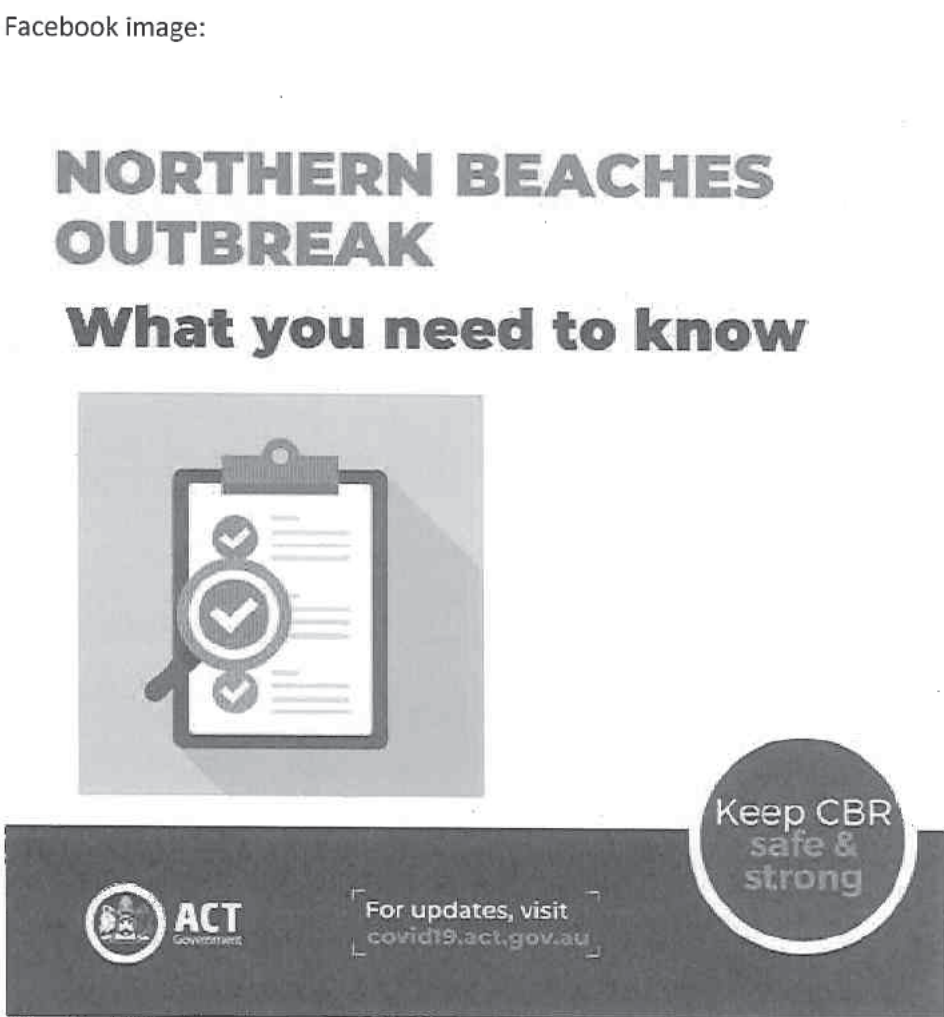
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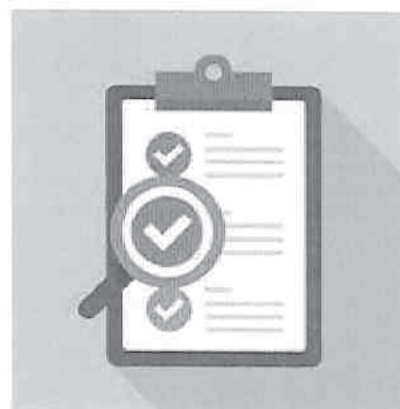
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Lou – could you please add to the post below and schedule to go at 8am tomorrow morning.

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Thanks to everyone for today. I hope you get some down time tonight.

Regards

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Let me know, and we can action in the morning 😊

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3. Visit the NSW website to see the list of locations where you either need to 'self-isolate and get tested' or 'monitor for symptoms if you've been to these locations' if you've been there during the times and dates identified by NSW Health. Some of these locations are outside of the Sydney Northern Beaches Local Government Area. Follow the advice below if you have been to one of these locations:
Anyone who has been to a 'self-isolate and get tested' location at the times and dates identified by NSW Health on their website should quarantine for 14 days from that date, get tested even if they have no symptoms, get retested if symptoms occur AND they must contact the ACT Health COVID-19 team on (02) 5124 9213. Even if they get a negative test result, they must stay in quarantine until 14 days after they were last there.

Anyone who has been to a 'monitor for symptoms if you've been to these locations' identified by NSW Health should get tested and self-isolate until you receive a negative test result. After you receive a negative test result you can leave quarantine but you must remain vigilant for symptoms and get tested again even if you have the mildest of symptoms.

Some **public transport routes** are also affected and are listed on the NSW website. Please follow the NSW Health advice about these public transport routes AND call the ACT Health COVID-19 team on (02) 5124 9213 if you have been on a public transport route where you are considered a close contact.

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Hello Kerry and Dinesh,

Just a quick update from Ops:

- Access Canberra has forwarded all calls from individuals who are identifying themselves as having been in the Northern Beaches LGA since 11 December. Our contact tracing team is collecting details of these individuals including contact number, last day of exposure and whether they have been tested. I will ask the team to collate all of these so we can give an approx. number of no in quarantine that we are aware of at tomorrow's update.
- NIR has provided us with the manifest from all flights that have arrived in Canberra from Sydney yesterday. We will send out the text message to these passengers tomorrow morning. I have also requested that we receive all passenger details of all flights from Sydney to Canberra for the next few days. We will send out the text messages as we receive these details.
- I have requested the CHECC to re-distribute the information sheet again to all testing centre staff emphasising that at this point we are only testing people who have been in the Northern Beaches LGA not all of Sydney. I have also requested for some feedback on testing today. CHECC was following up on this. I did speak with the Weston Walk in Centre today and the number of people that have come through for testing has slightly decreased from yesterday, but they are still very busy (around 3pm, they had a 30min-1hr waiting time for testing) and likely to still be busy tonight as they are the only testing site open after 5pm.

I did also get a phone call from ACT Police regarding people in quarantine and data for on this for the purposes of compliance following a complaint received from a member of the community who reported that particular persons were not in quarantine and were outside exercising following their return from the Northern Beaches LGA. The persons of interest stated they did get tested, was negative and did not receive any direct information or advice from ACT Health that they should be in quarantine (i.e. initial interview, text message etc.). ACT Police directed the person to contact ACT Health and ACTP has also collected their details and have sent it through to us. The queries ACT Police had were around data for people in quarantine and information we can provide them. Can we please discuss this at tomorrow's meeting? I may need some guidance on information to provide to ACT Police on our approach and processes and what it means for them.

Kind regards,
 Dani

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached the interim minutes from the 1400hrs meeting, as reviewed by CHO and on-call CHO. Minor changes identified by CHO will be updated shortly.

Next scheduled meeting is for Sunday 20 December at 1400hrs via Teams. CHO will confirm requirement this evening for a morning briefing (with invite to follow).

Kind regards,

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