

## COVID-19 Update No. 68

This alert updates the 18 December COVID-19 Update.

- The **Greater Sydney Region** (except the Northern Beaches Local Government Area) is now classified as medium risk for COVID-19. This Region is as defined in [Schedule 1 of the Greater Sydney Commission](#) and includes the local government areas of Auburn, Bankstown, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Botany Bay, Camden, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Hornsby, Hurstville, Ku-Ring-Gai, Liverpool, Mossman, Parramatta, Penrith, Sydney, The Hills, Waverley, Wollondilly, Woollahra.
- The **Northern Beaches Local Government Area** (on and since Friday 11 December) remains high risk.
- Border measures, including quarantine, are applied to travellers from high and medium risk areas upon arrival in Tasmania.
- **Stay informed.** Further areas may be identified as high or medium risk as the NSW response progresses. Check the important community updates page at [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)
- Anyone in Tasmania who spent time in NSW on or since 6 December should check the NSW Health [list of risk venues and transport routes](#) regularly. The list changes as the NSW response progresses.
- Any person in Tasmania who attended any of the NSW Health [risk venues or transport routes](#) at the specified times or was in the Northern Beaches on or since 11 December **should self-isolate immediately** and call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 to arrange a test and get advice about the need and length of quarantine required.
- Anyone in Tasmania, including travellers from NSW, should contact the Public Health Hotline immediately to arrange a test if they develop any COVID-19 symptoms.

### Testing clinic changes

- There has been increased demand for testing in Tasmania. As a result:
  - Appointments continue to be required for Hobart and Launceston testing clinics.
  - The Hobart testing clinic at Princes Wharf will remain open until at least the end of operations on Tuesday 22 December. The need to keep it open will be reviewed that evening, depending on demand.
  - The new Hobart testing clinic at Melville St (old Webster carpark, access from the Argyle St end of Melville St) will open on Monday 21 December, providing additional capacity.
- The COVID-19 Testing Services sheet (attached) has been updated.

- Further information on current travel restrictions is available at [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/coming-to-tasmania/travel-alert](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/coming-to-tasmania/travel-alert)
- Testing for COVID-19 will be available every day over the Christmas period, at reduced hours.

Thank you for your ongoing support  
Dr Fay Johnston, Deputy Director of Public Health.