

COVID-19 Construction update | 6 September 2021

The COVID-19 environment is constantly evolving and Transport for NSW is committed to keeping our industry partners informed on the latest developments. We thank our partners for following the health advice to keep our worksites, communities, families and friends safe.

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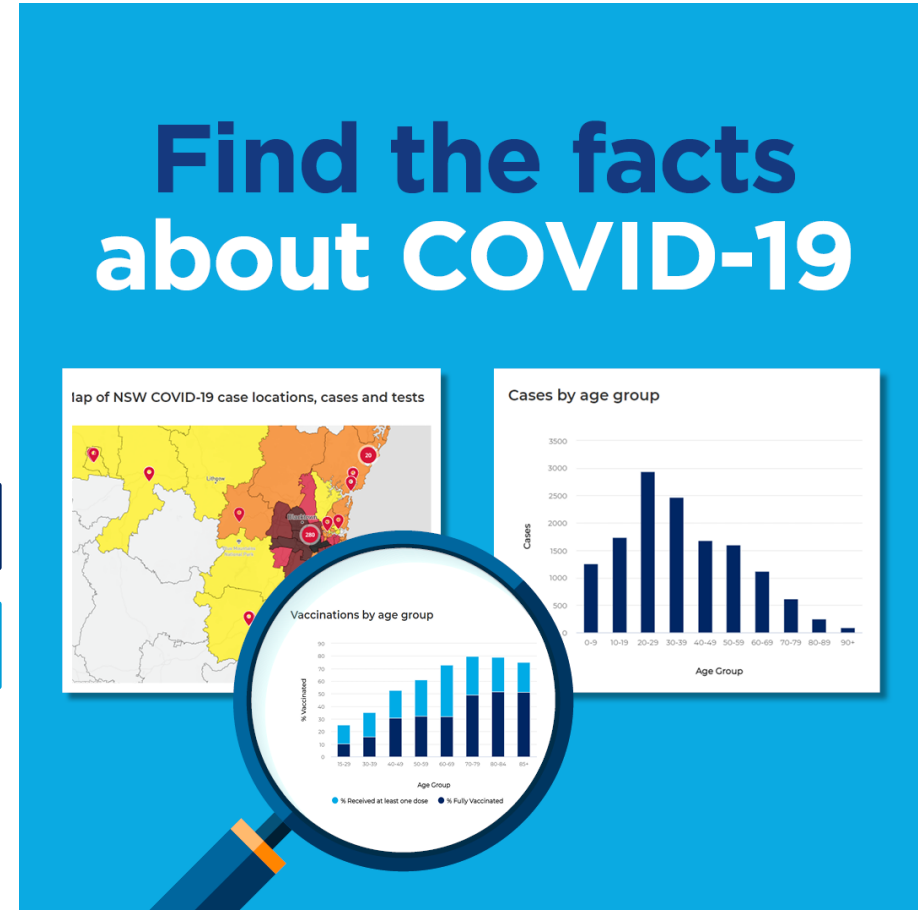
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The Public Health Order was updated on 28 and 29 August and provides further clarification of the requirements for construction sites and workers across Greater Sydney, the areas of concern and for Regional and Rural NSW. This document includes a summary of key Public Health Order requirements that will impact Transport for NSW, our industry partners, and our projects. This advice is specifically for construction workers and it is not for other authorised workers. Please also note this advice does not consider workers from ACT, VIC or QLD. Please let us know if you think this will impact you or your projects and we can assess.



I am running a site in Greater Sydney (including areas of concern)

Construction sites within Greater Sydney must:

Comply with capacity limits:

- the lesser of one person per 4sqm or 50%

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Rapid antigen testing on Transport sites

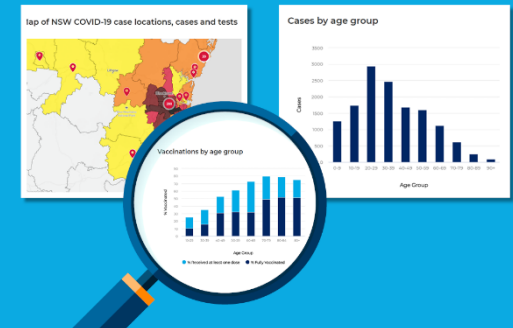
For ongoing testing, Government will pay for rapid antigen testing on its projects to meet public health orders, or also more generally where there is agreement with head contractors to pay to make rapid antigen testing a standard procedure on a project.

Ensure workers comply with COVID-19 vaccination requirements before the worker enters the site:

- From 28 August, construction workers will require a permit from Service NSW to enter sites in areas of concern for work purposes.
- To work on a construction site, workers from an area of concern must have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination. Testing requirements may also apply.
- For those that are coming from an area of concern, please refer to the **I live in Greater Sydney – inside an area of concern section. [GO TO SECTION](#)** »

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Have a COVID-19 safety plan:

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I live in Greater Sydney – outside an area of concern »

You must comply with the following:

You can work within Greater Sydney (excluding area of concern) and 50 kilometres around Greater Sydney with no permit requirements.

From 28 August 2021, you will need a permit from Service NSW if working at a construction site:

- within a local government area of concern
- more than 50km outside of Greater Sydney

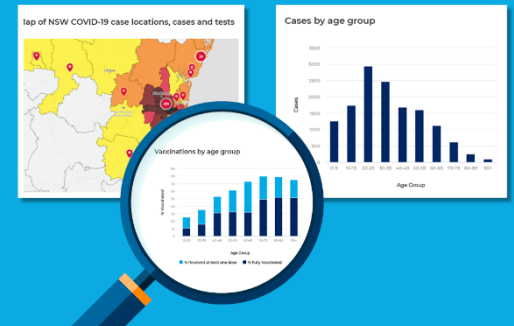
If you are from an area of concern, please refer to the [I live in Greater Sydney – inside an area of concern](#) section.

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Greater Sydney construction workers who are authorised to travel to work at construction sites more than 50 kilometres outside of Greater Sydney must also follow the rules for testing, including having a COVID-19 test within the seven days before attending the workplace.

[Rules for testing](#) »

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I live in Greater Sydney – inside an area of concern

You must comply with the following:

From **28 August 2021** if you are working on a construction site, **you will need a permit issued by Service NSW to leave, enter or work within an area of concern for work.**

If you live in or are temporarily staying in one of the areas of concern, you must not enter a construction site in Greater Sydney unless you have:

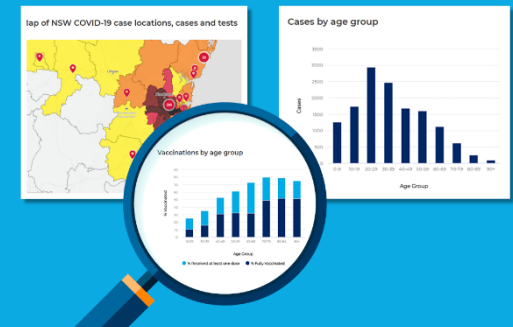
- two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or
- one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 21 days prior or
- one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine within the past 21 days and you have been tested for COVID-19 in the past 72 hours or
- evidence of a medical exemption and you have been tested for COVID-19 within the previous 72 hours.

A worker whose place of residence is in one of the areas of concern must carry the required evidence (showing name, address and vaccination status)

- and, produce it for inspection if requested by the employer, the occupier of premises, a police officer or an authorised officer.
- Where the requirement for a test applies, this test can include a Rapid Antigen Test as [approved by the Chief Health Officer](#) »

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If you live in an area of concern, you cannot work on a construction site outside Greater Sydney.



[I am running a site in regional and rural NSW »](#)

Construction sites within regional and rural NSW must:

Works are permitted at construction sites in regional and rural NSW with one person per four square metres of space at the construction site

Construction workers from an area of concern cannot work at a construction site in regional and rural NSW

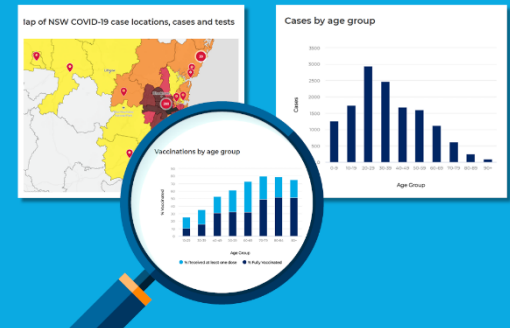
- The Central Coast and Shellharbour areas are now considered part of regional and rural NSW.

Construction workers from Greater Sydney (excluding those from areas of concern) can work at construction sites in regional and rural NSW.

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- For construction sites more than 50 kilometres outside of Greater Sydney, construction workers from Greater Sydney (excluding the areas of concern) will need a permit from Service NSW and follow the rules for testing, including having a COVID-19 test within the seven days before working.

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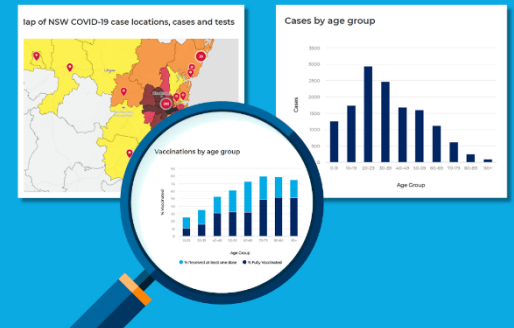
[I live in regional NSW »](#)

You must comply with the following:

Workers from regional and rural NSW can work on construction sites within regional and rural NSW and in Greater Sydney (including the areas of concern)

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Useful links

[Public Health \(COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak\) Order \(No 2\) Amendment Order 2021](#) which amends the Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order (No 2) Order 2021. The Amending Order generally commences on 23 August.

[Public Health \(COVID-19 Self-Isolation\) Order \(No 2\) Amendment Order 2021](#) which amends the Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order (No 2) Order 2021 from 23 August.

[The most up-to-date Health Orders are located here](#)

[Service NSW Permits for rural and regional workers](#)

[Service NSW permits for workers in areas of concern](#)

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[Construction capacity limits](#)

[COVID-19 tests for Sydney workers](#)

[Information on Rapid Antigen Testing](#)

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