

COVID—19 Updated NSW Health Advice

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Summary of the issue

As increased operational activity continues and members are deployed across the state, it is a timely reminder for all members to be diligent with adhering to COVID-19 protocols. NSW Health advises that we are entering the next wave of COVID-19 with cases increasing and changes in the variants circulating.

A reminder that NSW SES members who test positive are not permitted to attend NSW SES premises or operational response for five days following the date of the positive test result and are no longer symptomatic.

Nature of the hazard

With the high operational load, the NSW SES is currently in and forecast to be in, COVID-19 infection and spread can disrupt and weaken a response team and unit.

All members are asked to maintain situational awareness and act diligently with respect to good COVID-19 practice. Remember to:

- Maintain physical distancing
- Continue to clean high touch points across our assets and facilities
- Maintain density limits
- Adopt cough and sneeze hygiene by covering your mouth nose with a tissue or elbow
- Regularly wash and sanitise your hands
- Regularly clean and wipe down your workstations, high touch points across our assets and facilities with disinfectant wipes or sprays
- Take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) before entering IMT settings at State Headquarters or Zone Offices.
- If you become COVID-19 positive let us know call **1800 SES OHS (1800 737 647)** and complete the [NSW SES COVID Unit Capability and Resourcing Form](#)

Action required

- We encourage members to get your booster vaccine as soon as you are eligible to prevent serious illness or disease.
- Update your vaccination record in SAP or email whs@ses.nsw.gov.au proof of vaccination booster.
- Continue to follow any NSW Health advice and any NSW SES COVID-19 advice.
- Get tested if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Report all incidents via **1800 SES OHS (1800 737 647)**.

Contact for more information

Enquiries regarding this safety bulletin should be directed to whs@ses.nsw.gov.au

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