Key points

- From 1 November 2021, people arriving into NSW from overseas who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with vaccines recognised by Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) will not need to complete hotel quarantine. COVID-safe behaviours and follow up testing will still be required in the community.
- Fully vaccinated people who are already in hotel quarantine on 1 November do not need to complete 14 days of quarantine if all requirements are met.
- People arriving in NSW from overseas who are not fully vaccinated must quarantine for 14 days. A cap for arrivals who are not fully vaccinated will apply.

Who is considered fully vaccinated?

A fully vaccinated arrival is a person who, before arriving in NSW:

- Has received the number of doses required for a complete course of an approved COVID-19 vaccine; or
- Is a person under 12 who has not received the number of doses required for a complete course of a COVID-19 vaccine, but who is accompanied by someone over 18 years who is fully vaccinated

For international arrivals to qualify as vaccinated, they must be fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines approved or recognised by Australia’s Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Current TGA approved and recognised vaccines for COVID-19 include:

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People who have been vaccinated in Australia will need to present an Australian International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate. For more information on how to do this, visit [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-).
19/vaccination/proof. People vaccinated in other countries will need to present proof of vaccination that meets the following criteria:

- A paper or digital certificate issued by a national or state/provincial-level authority or an accredited vaccination provider
- Written in English or accompanied by a certified translation
- Containing at a minimum:
  - name as it appears in the person’s passport
  - date of birth or passport number
  - the vaccine brand name, date of each dose or date when the full course of immunisation was completed.
- The date the full course of vaccine was completed must be at least 7 days prior to entry to NSW. For people leaving quarantine before 14 days on 1 November, the full course of vaccine must have been administered on or before 25 October 2021.

Please note, children aged under 12 years are treated as fully vaccinated for quarantine purposes.

**Information for people entering hotel quarantine before 1 November 2021**

**What is required for me to leave quarantine on 1 November?**
To be eligible to leave hotel quarantine on 1 November, the health team will contact you to:

- Verify your proof of COVID-19 vaccination and check it against your passport
- Arrange any additional requirements, such as a COVID-19 swab
- Check for any symptoms of COVID-19 before departure.

If all requirements are met, the team will confirm your eligibility for departure on 1 November.

**When can I leave hotel quarantine?**
Please make arrangements with hotel staff in relation to your departure requirements on 1 November.

Due to the expected high volume of departures on 1 November, people who have entered hotel quarantine on 31 October may not have their clearance completed until the afternoon of 1 November. Please take this into account when making onward travel plans.

**Will I be charged for my hotel quarantine if I leave before the full 14 days?**
If you have been in hotel quarantine for longer than 48 hours, you will be charged pro-rata for the number of days you have spent in quarantine. If you arrived in hotel quarantine after 29 October and depart on the 1 November, your fees will be waived: Those who do not meet the eligibility criteria and those who elect to complete their quarantine period will be charged as per the current fee schedule.

**What if my proof of vaccination is not in English?**
The translation of documents written in languages other than English is the responsibility of the quarantine guest. A paid translation service can be accessed via Service NSW (Multicultural NSW). If an interpreter or translator is required, it is at the cost of the person in quarantine.

**What is required of me after I leave hotel quarantine before 14 days?**
COVID-safe behaviours are important in keeping yourself and others safe. Masks, COVID-19 Safe Check-in, and vaccination evidence are required in most settings. Watch for COVID-19 symptoms, particularly in the first 14 days, get tested immediately if you experience symptoms and follow NSW Health advice for self-isolation. Help keep NSW safe.

People who have left quarantine and are in the community on day 7 after arriving into NSW are required to get tested for COVID-19 on that day. Fines may be issued for non-compliance.
For example, if you land in NSW on 30 October and are released from quarantine on 1 November, you are required to get tested for COVID-19 on 6 November (day 7 after arriving), even if you don’t have any symptoms.

If a member of my travelling party is under 12 years of age and is unvaccinated, will my travelling party still be eligible to leave hotel quarantine on 1 November 2021?

Yes. Children under the age of 12 years will be treated as fully vaccinated for quarantine purposes.

I am unvaccinated or ineligible to leave hotel quarantine. Can my children who are vaccinated or are under 12 years of age leave hotel quarantine on 1 November?

Yes. Your child or children will be able to leave hotel quarantine provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian, or Police have approved an external guardian to collect them.

If a member of my family is 12 and over and under 18 years and is unvaccinated, can my travelling party leave hotel quarantine on 1 November 2021?

Where an unvaccinated child is travelling with adults who are all fully vaccinated, the entire family will be eligible to leave on 1 November 2021. The child will need to complete at home a total of 7 days of quarantine from arrival in NSW. A second PCR test will be required on day 5 or 6 before completing quarantine.

For the following 7 days visits to high risk settings such as childcare, aged-care residential facilities, disability care facilities or hospitals, will not be permitted. The children will be allowed to attend school after completing 7 days of quarantine. Exemptions apply for emergency medical care.

Transport from the hotel to the home should be via private vehicle where possible. Taxi and Uber transport will be permitted, provided all people in the vehicle wear masks and drivers are vaccinated. Travel by bus, train or plane will not be permitted.

People aged 12 years and over are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Australia. Vaccination is offered to eligible guests in quarantine. Consent from a parent or guardian is required for this age group.

Why are unvaccinated children over 12 years of age and under 18 years exempt from the international passenger caps?

Children overseas may have difficulty accessing vaccination. While Australia has set the age of vaccine eligibility at 12 years old or above, in other countries this age and approach varies. In some cases, children are only provided with one dose, while adults over 16 years old receive two doses, such as in the UK.

If one or more members of my travelling party are not fully vaccinated, can the members who are fully vaccinated leave on 1 November?

Yes, fully vaccinated people can leave hotel quarantine on 1 November, regardless of whether they are travelling with unvaccinated people. However, any unvaccinated people will not be able to leave with you.

If I am fully vaccinated, can I stay at the hotel after 1 November?

Individual requests for vaccinated people to remain past 1 November should be discussed on arrival at the hotel.

If I have only had one dose of vaccine, can I have the second dose while in hotel quarantine?

Vaccination is offered to eligible guests in quarantine. Please note, to be eligible to leave on 1 November, you must have completed the full course of vaccine on or before 25 October 2021.

What if I am eligible to leave quarantine on 1 November 2021, but develop COVID-19 symptoms prior to leaving?

Every person in quarantine is contacted before departure for a departure health check. It’s important to let the health team know if you have even mild COVID-19 symptoms. You will be required to get tested. If your test is positive for COVID-19, the health team will work with you to determine the best course of action.
How can I access my COVID-19 test results?
If your COVID-19 test was with NSW Health Pathology (including tests in hotel quarantine), you may access your results via a secure online Results Portal.