

Daily COVID cases in Australia's New South Wales top 6,000

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Cars line up at a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic at Bondi Beach in Sydney on Dec. 21, 2021. Australia's most populous state recorded more than 6,000 new COVID-19 cases for the first time Saturday, Dec. 25, adding a somber note to Christmas celebrations. Credit: AP Photo/Rick Rycroft, File

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New South Wales reported 6,288 new infections over the past 24 hours, an increase of 676 cases from the previous day and by far the highest number of cases in any Australian state since the pandemic began.

The number of COVID-19 patients in the state rose by six to 388, and 52 people were in [intensive care](#).

There was some good news: No deaths were reported and the number of [people](#) who have received at least one vaccine dose reached 95%.

Victoria, Australia's second most populous state, reported 2,108 new cases and six deaths on Saturday.

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