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STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM GLADYS BEREJIKLIAN AND BRAD HAZZARD

Given the ongoing cases of community transmission and following updated health advice, the current lockdown will be extended for another week until 11:59pm on Friday, 16 July.

The same restrictions currently in place across both Greater Sydney including the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour and regional NSW will remain in place until this time.

Face-to-face learning will resume in regional NSW when school returns on Tuesday, 13 July.

Learning will be online for schools and students in Greater Sydney from Tuesday, 13 July for four days. Schools will remain open for students who need them and no child will be turned away from school.

All students will return to the classroom on Monday, 19 July.

This decision is based on health advice from the Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant and will assist NSW Health's efforts to contain the delta strain.

Our first and foremost priority is to protect the health and safety of the community.

The delta strain requires a different response to previous outbreaks, and until the majority of our population is vaccinated, we cannot live as freely as we would like to.

We would like to thank the community and businesses for their patience and understanding during this time.

Please continue to come forward for COVID-19 testing to help us find any unrecognised chains of transmission in the community.

In coming days the NSW Government will detail a plan for exiting from restrictions to give the community and businesses certainty in the coming weeks and months.

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