

Sydney Hills ENT Clinic

Covid Policy as of 11 October 2021

Dear Patients,

As ENT is a high risk specialty involving instrumentation in the upper airways that can spread infection, Sydney Hills ENT Clinic has implemented the following protocols in the interests of public safety. **This applies to ALL patients over the age of 12 and their carers.**

1. Patients who are **UNVACCINATED** or who have only had a **SINGLE DOSE VACCINE** will be required to provide a negative Covid swab within the last 72 hours and self-isolate between the time of your test and doctor's appointment. **This also applies to children under the age of 12 from a non or partially vaccinated household.**
2. Patients who are **FULLY VACCINATED** and have **NO SYMPTOMS** of Covid-19 do not require a swab to be performed prior to their appointment.
3. Patients who are **FULLY VACCINATED** and **DO HAVE SYMPTOMS** of Covid-19 will be required to provide a negative Covid swab within the last 72 hours and self-isolate between the time of your test and doctor's appointment.
4. For patients who have not been infected previously, or infected more than 6 months ago and swab positive, these patients will be rescheduled and recommended to contact their GPs and NSW Health to manage their Covid infection
5. For patients who have been infected within past 6 months and hold a **valid Medical Clearance Letter from NSW Health**, will still require a Covid swab to be performed within 72 hours and the following will occur:
 - A negative swab result can be seen in clinic
 - A positive swab result but with no symptoms (see below) can be seen in clinic
 - Swab positive with symptoms (see below) will be referred to contact their GPs and NSW Health to exclude reinfection

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Fever of 37.5 degrees or higher
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- Loss of taste
- Loss of smell

We reserve the right to interpret the results of the swab to determine if the patient can be seen safely in the clinic

Telehealth can be offered to ALL patients as an alternative.

Thankyou for your understanding in these unprecedented times.

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