

COVID-19 Policy as of 13th of JANUARY 2022

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.

1.1 Patients who are **UNVACCINATED** or who have only had a **SINGLE DOSE VACCINE**, will be required to provide a negative rapid antigen test (RAT) within one hour prior to the appointment. This also applies to children under the age of 12 from a non or partially vaccinated household.

1.2 Patients who **DO HAVE SYMPTOMS** of COVID-19 will be asked to postpone their appointment until symptoms have cleared, regardless of their vaccination status.

1.3 For patients who **HAVE HAD** COVID-19 recently will be required to reschedule their appointment for a minimum of **28 DAYS** after testing positive regardless of their vaccination status.

1.4 For patients who **HAVE HAD** COVID-19 recently will be required to **WAIT** a minimum of **EIGHT WEEKS** before **ELECTIVE SURGERY**.

1.5 For patients that have been a **CLOSE CONTACT**, they must **WAIT 14 DAYS** from the time that they became a **CLOSE CONTACT** until coming into the clinic.

1.6 Patients who are **FULLY VACCINATED** and have **NO SYMPTOMS** are not required to undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).

We are offering telehealth as an alternative to face-to-face consultants as required.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during these challenging and unprecedented times.

Kind regards,

SYDNEY HILLS ENT CLINIC