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ISLHD COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) confirms 16 local residents have tested positive to COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of the 16 new cases:

- 10 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) - 2 are linked to known cases
Postcodes – 2502 (3) 2505 (1), 2516 (1), 2518 (2), 2530 (3)
- 2 are from the Shellharbour LGA – 0 are linked to a known case
Postcode – 2527 (2)
- 3 are from the Shoalhaven LGA – 0 are linked to a known case
Postcode – 2541 (3)
- 1 is from the Kiama LGA – not linked to a known case
Postcode – 2533 (1)

There have now been 2,278 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

As at 8pm Sunday 17 October, there were 30 COVID-19 patients being treated in hospital.

Sadly, a woman in her 80s from the Wollongong area died at Wollongong Hospital. She had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

Venues are posted daily on the [District's Facebook page](#) and a full list of all exposure sites in NSW is available on the [NSW Health case locations web page](#).

The community is reminded to remain vigilant for symptoms and get tested if any appear, no matter how mild. Symptoms include cold or flu-like symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough or shortness of breath. People with mild symptoms, such as fatigue, new muscle aches or pains, a change in taste or smell or a new runny nose, should also arrange testing as quickly as possible.

High rates of testing are critical to detecting transmission and preventing further spread of COVID-19 in the community.

There are a number of COVID-19 testing clinics across the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. Visit the [District's website](#) for a full list and updated opening hours and times. There are also more than 500 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW – visit the [NSW Government website](#) for details.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District urges the community to continue to come forward for vaccination. Everyone in Australia aged 12 and over can receive a COVID-19 vaccination. For more information visit www.health.gov.au.

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