

Sunday, 24 October 2021

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has recorded 17 positive COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Residents in the 2527 postcode are being reminded to be extra vigilant for symptoms, and to come forward for testing following high case numbers recorded over the past week.

Of the 17 new cases:

- 5 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) - 3 are linked to known cases
Postcodes – 2500 (1), 2502 (1), 2528 (3)
- 7 are from the Shellharbour LGA – 7 are linked to known cases
Postcodes - 2527 (4), 2528 (2), 2529 (1)
- 5 are from the Shoalhaven LGA – 3 are linked to known cases
Postcode – 2540 (1), 2541 (4)
- No cases are from the Kiama LGA

There have now been 2,361 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

As at 8pm Saturday 23 October, there were 23 COVID-19 patients being treated in hospital.

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.

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.

The community is also being reminded that the Wollongong Mass Vaccination Hub is part of the state-wide **Walk-in Weekend** for young people aged 12 to 15 today from **8am to 4pm**. Consent is required from a parent or guardian at the appointment.

More than 77% of 12 to 15 year-olds have had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.