## ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT

## **Media Information**



Saturday 6 November 2021

## **ISLHD COVID-19 update**

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has recorded five positive COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. We continue to urge the community to come forward for testing and vaccination.

## Of the five new cases:

 Three are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) – one is linked to a known case.

Postcodes - 2500 (1), 2515 (2)

- One is from the Shellharbour LGA and investigations are ongoing.
  Postcodes 2527 (1)
- One is from the Shoalhaven LGA and investigations are ongoing. Postcodes – 2541 (1)

There have now been 2,466 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

As at 8pm Friday 5 November, there were 12 patients being treated in hospital as a result of COVID-19.

Remember to get tested if any symptoms appear, no matter how mild. These include; cold or flulike 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 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 <u>District's website</u> for a full list and updated opening hours and times. There are also more than 500 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW – visit the <u>NSW Government website</u> for details.

A reminder that venues are posted daily on the <u>District's Facebook page</u> and a full list of all exposure sites in NSW is available on the <u>NSW Health case locations web page</u>.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District also 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 <a href="https://www.health.gov.au">www.health.gov.au</a>.

The District's vaccination clinics are now offering a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine to people aged 18 years and older, six months after their second dose. Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling the ISLHD Booking Team on 1300 096 365 during business hours, or online via the ISLHD COVID-19 Vaccination Support form.

In addition to the District's clinics, booster shots are available at local general practitioners and pharmacies.