

Saturday, 9 October 2021

ISLHD COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) confirms 54 local residents have tested positive to COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of the new cases:

- 38 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) 4 are linked to known cases
 Postcodes 2500 (9 cases), 2502 (5), 2505 (2), 2506 (4) 2517 (2) 2518 (10), 2526 (5), 2530 (1)
- 7 are from the Shellharbour LGA 5 are linked to known cases Postcodes – 2527 (1), 2528 (3), 2529 (3)
- 9 are from the Shoalhaven LGA 3 are linked to known cases Postcodes – 2541 (9)
- There are no new cases from the Kiama LGA

There have now been 2,005 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, 8 October there were 44 COVID-19 patients being treated in hospital.

There were more than 33,600 COVID-19 tests carried out in the Illawarra Shoalhaven for the week ending Sunday, 3 October.

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>.

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 <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.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District urges the community to continue to come forward for vaccination as soon as possible (unless you are a case, contact of a case, isolating or have symptoms).

Everyone in Australia aged 12 and over can receive a COVID-19 vaccination and there are more than 200 NSW vaccination clinics and outreach locations across the state in addition to GPs and pharmacists. Find a clinic and make a booking online via the <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Vaccine Clinic Finder</u>.