ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT Media Information



Tuesday, 12 October 2021

ISLHD COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) confirms 38 local residents have tested positive to COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of the new cases:

- 17 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) 9 are linked to known cases
 - Postcodes 2500 (1 case), 2502 (2), 2506 (1), 2516 (1), 2517 (1) 2518 (3), 2525 (1), 2526 (3), 2530 (4)
- 15 are from the Shellharbour LGA 2 are linked to a known case Postcodes – 2527 (10), 2529 (5)
- 6 are from the Shoalhaven LGA 2 is linked to a known case Postcodes – 2540 (4), 2541 (2)
- There are no new cases from the Kiama LGA

There have now been 2,139 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

As at 8pm Monday, 11 October there were 38 COVID-19 patients being treated in hospital.

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 those eligible in 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 on eligibility and to book a vaccination, visit www.health.gov.au.