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ISLHD COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) confirms 31 local residents have tested positive to COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of the new cases:

- 14 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) - 8 are linked to known cases
  Postcodes - 2500 (1 case), 2502 (1) 2518 (4), 2525 (1), 2526 (1), 2530 (6)

- 6 are from the Shellharbour LGA – 3 are linked to a known case
  Postcodes – 2527 (3), 2528 (3)

- 11 are from the Shoalhaven LGA – 2 are linked to a known case
  Postcodes – 2541 (11)

- There are no new cases from the Kiama LGA

There have now been 2,215 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

As at 8pm Thursday 14 October there were 31 COVID-19 patients being treated in Wollongong Hospital and 1 in Shoalhaven 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.

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 those eligible in the community to continue to come forward for vaccination. Everyone in Australia aged 12 and over can

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receive a COVID-19 vaccination. For more information on eligibility and to book a vaccination, visit www.health.gov.au.