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## ISLHD COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) is urging the community to get vaccinated and come forward for testing after recording 17 positive COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of the 17 new cases:

- 7 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) - 4 are linked to known cases  
Postcodes – 2518 (1), 2519 (1), 2526 (1), 2530 (4)
- 8 are from the Shellharbour LGA – 5 are linked to a known case  
Postcode – 2527 (7), 2528 (1)
- 2 are from the Shoalhaven LGA – 0 are linked to a known case  
Postcode – 2540 (2)
- There are no cases reported in the Kiama LGA

There have now been 2,304 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

As at 8pm Tuesday 19 October, there were 25 COVID-19 patients being treated in hospital.

Sadly, NSW Health is confirming the deaths of two men in their 90s from a Tarrawanna Aged Care Facility where they acquired their infections. They had received 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions. The LHD extends its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

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 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](http://www.health.gov.au).