

Saturday, 23 October 2021

ISLHD COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) is continuing to urge the community to get vaccinated and come forward for testing, after recording 6 positive COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of the 6 new cases:

- 3 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) - 2 are linked to known cases
Postcodes – 2502 (2), 2518 (1)
- 2 are from the Shellharbour LGA – investigations are ongoing
Postcodes - 2527 (2)
- 1 is from the Shoalhaven LGA – investigations are ongoing
Postcode – 2541 (1)
- No cases are from the Kiama LGA

There have now been 2,344 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 22 October, there were 21 COVID-19 patients being treated in 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.

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.

The community is also being reminded that the Wollongong Mass Vaccination Hub is part of the state-wide **Walk-in Weekend** for youngsters aged 12 to 15, happening tomorrow **Sunday 24 October** from **8am to 4pm**. Consent is required from a parent or guardian at the appointment.

More than 76% of 12 to 15 year-olds have had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.