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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 8 positive COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Of the 8 new cases:

- 4 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) - 2 are linked to known cases
Postcodes – 2517 (1), 2518 (1), 2519 (1), 2526 (1)
- 1 is from the Shellharbour LGA and is linked to a known case
Postcodes - 2527 (1)
- 3 are from the Shoalhaven LGA – all are under investigation
Postcodes – 2540 (2), 2541 (1)
- 0 are from the Kiama LGA

There have now been 2,411 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 28 October, there were 17 patients being treated in hospital as a result of COVID.

Sadly, a woman in her 90s died at the Tarrawanna aged care facility, where she acquired her infection. She was not vaccinated and is the 4th death linked to an outbreak at this facility. ISLHD extends sincere condolences to her loved ones.

A reminder that 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](#).

Please also 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.