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ISLHD COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has recorded 9 positive COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. While local numbers remain relatively low, the community is being reminded to stay vigilant and continue to come forward for testing for even the mildest symptoms.

Of the 9 new cases:

- 5 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) 1 is linked to a known case Postcodes – 2500 (2), 2517 (1), 2526 (2)
- 2 are from the Shellharbour LGA 2 are linked to known cases Postcodes 2527 (2)
- 2 are from the Shoalhaven LGA 1 is linked to a known case Postcodes 2540 (1), 2541 (1)

There have now been 2,428 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

As at 8pm Saturday 29 October, there were 17 patients being treated in hospital as a result of COVID-19.

A reminder that 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>.

Remember to get tested if any symptoms appear, no matter how mild. These include; cold or flulike 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 <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 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 <u>www.health.gov.au</u>.

ISLHD would like to thank the community for coming forward to receive their vaccination. First doses across our four LGAs are now over 90% and more than 80% of residents aged over 16 are now fully vaccinated.

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