Thursday 4 November 2021

ISLHD COVID-19 update

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

Of the 8 new cases:

- 6 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) – 3 are linked to known cases. Postcodes – 2500 (2), 2515 (2), 2516 (1), 2517 (1)

- 2 are from the Shoalhaven LGA – 1 is linked to a known case. Postcodes – 2540 (1), 2541 (1)

There have now been 2,447 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

As at 8pm Wednesday 3 November, there were 13 patients being treated in hospital as a result of COVID-19.

Sadly, an 83-year-old man from the Shellharbour area has died at Wollongong Hospital. He was a close contact of a known case and had received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. He also had underlying health conditions. ISLHD extends its sincere condolences to his 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.

Remember to get tested if any symptoms appear, no matter how mild. These 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 District's vaccination clinics are now offering a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine to people aged 18 years and older, six months after their second dose.

Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling the ISLHD Booking Team on 1300 096 365 during business hours, or online via the ISLHD COVID-19 Vaccination Support form. In addition to the District's clinics, booster shots are available at local general practitioners and pharmacies.

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