ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT

Media Information



Friday 5 November 2021

ISLHD COVID-19 update

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has recorded 14 positive COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. We continue to urge the community to come forward for testing and vaccination.

Of the 14 new cases:

- 12 are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) 6 are linked to known cases. Postcodes 2515 (6), 2516 (2), 2518 (1), 2526 (3)
- 1 is from the Shellharbour LGA and is linked to a known case.
 Postcodes 2527 (1)
- 1 is from the Shoalhaven LGA and is linked to a known case.
 Postcodes 2541 (1)

There have now been 2,461 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 4 November, there were 12 patients being treated in hospital as a result of COVID-19.

A reminder to the northern Illawarra community that two confirmed cases of COVID-19 attended a children's community event at Thirroul Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) on Sunday, 31 October.

People who went inside the function room between 4.15pm and 7.30pm are considered close contacts and must immediately get tested and self-isolate. Information for parents and carers of people who need to isolate due to COVID-19 can be found on the NSW Health website.

A COVID-19 testing clinic has now been established at Thirroul Beach Car Park as follows: Southern IML Pop-up walk in COVID-19 clinic

Thirroul Beach Car Park, Cliff Parade, 10am to 4pm, Friday 5 November

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 also 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 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.