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## Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District COVID-19 update

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has recorded no new COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. Despite the continued low case numbers, the District is again urging the community to be vigilant for even the mildest of symptoms and to come forward for testing and vaccination.

There have been 2,467 local cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since the start of the current outbreak in June.

The local testing rate continues to remain steady with around 20,000 COVID-19 tests undertaken across the LHD per week.

The community is reminded to keep up to date with venues of concern, which are posted daily on the <u>District's Facebook page</u>. A full list of all exposure sites in NSW is available on the <u>NSW Health</u> <u>case locations web page</u>.

As at 8pm Saturday 6 November, there were 11 patients being treated in hospital as a result of COVID-19.

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 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 <u>www.health.gov.au</u>.

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 <u>ISLHD COVID-19 Vaccination Support form</u>.

In addition to the District's clinics, booster shots are available at local general practitioners and pharmacies.

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