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Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District COVID-19 update

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has recorded four new COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8pm last night. The District reminds the community to remain vigilant for even the mildest of symptoms, and to continue to come forward for testing and vaccination.

All four of the new cases are from the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) and all but one are linked to known cases. The cases reside in the postcodes of 2500 (1), 2525 (1) and 2530 (2).

There have been 2,517 cases of COVID-19 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District since June.

For the week ending, Sunday 21 November, there were 15,045 tests carried out across the District.

There are currently seven people being treated in hospital as a result of COVID-19.

Sadly, a woman in her 60s from the Wollongong area has died at Wollongong Hospital. She had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

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 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.

NSW Health will continue to contact people diagnosed with COVID-19 and their close contacts, and people who need to follow specific health advice. If you receive a message from NSW Health, it is important that you follow the advice in that message.

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.