

COVID-19 UPDATE

Local COVID-19 cases, including a breakdown of Local Government Area and postcodes.



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

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Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District COVID-19 update

ISLHD case numbers

There were 1441 positive COVID-19 test results (cases) notified for the 24 hour period to 8pm last night – including 513 positive rapid antigen tests (RATs) and 928 positive PCR tests.

Please note there may be some cases included in these numbers where people have reported positive RATs on multiple days and/or where people have also had a positive PCR test during the same reporting period.

A breakdown of the positive PCR tests is provided below:

- 497 cases from Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA)
- 200 cases from Shellharbour LGA
- 205 cases from Shoalhaven LGA
- 26 cases from Kiama LGA

As at 8pm, 17 January there were 127 COVID-19 cases in hospital in the District (please note, this total may include patients who are no longer COVID-19 positive).

Sadly NSW Health is today reporting the death of one person with COVID-19 from our Local Health District: a male aged in his 70s from Shellharbour Local Government Area who was vaccinated against COVID-19. The Local Health District expresses its sincere condolences to his loved ones.

Local COVID-19 update

Increasing bed capacity with private hospital support

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) continues to adapt its response to the COVID-19 pandemic in line with the high numbers of cases in the community and subsequent presentations and admissions to our hospitals.

Our patient flow and hospital executive teams continue to work around the clock, across all sites, to ensure the areas of highest need are prioritised.

Given Wollongong Hospital sees the most unwell patients from throughout the Local Health District, we are working to reinforce bed capacity at this facility. Utilising all of the District's available bed base remains the focus and, where clinically appropriate, patients may be moved to other hospitals, including to the local private hospitals. Where a patient is stable, or waiting for a nursing home placement for example, they may be transferred if appropriate. This will further support the ability of Wollongong Hospital to care for the more acutely unwell patients.

The District has a very strong working relationship with the region's private hospitals and we thank them for their continued support at this crucial time.

Postcode breakdown

Below we have provided postcodes for confirmed cases reported today as a guide to alert the community who live in these areas that COVID-19 may be circulating in their suburb and

surrounds. We do this to ensure all residents within the postcode know they need to be extra vigilant when leaving their home, when monitoring for symptoms and getting tested if they feel unwell. Individual suburb breakdowns are not provided as it does not accurately reflect where cases may have been during their infectious period.

Wollongong LGA – 497 cases

- 2500 – 136
- 2502 – 32
- 2505 – 10
- 2506 – 25
- 2508 – 12
- 2515 – 19
- 2516 – 24
- 2517 – 36
- 2518 – 32
- 2519 – 41
- 2525 – 23
- 2526 – 33
- 2530 – 74

Shellharbour LGA – 200 cases

- 2527 – 80
- 2528 – 51
- 2529 – 69

Shoalhaven LGA – 205 cases

- 2535 – 25
- 2538 – 4
- 2539 – 33
- 2540 – 77
- 2541 – 66

Kiama LGA – 26 cases

- 2533 – 20
- 2534 – 6

To view all case data for our District, visit our website: <https://bit.ly/ISLHD-case-numbers>

For a full list of local testing clinic locations visit: <https://bit.ly/ISLHD-COVID-testing>.