

# 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 1421 positive COVID-19 test results (cases) notified for the 24 hour period to 8pm last night – including 477 positive rapid antigen tests (RATs) and 944 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:

- 454 cases from Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA)
- 207 cases from Shellharbour LGA
- 252 cases from Shoalhaven LGA
- 31 cases from Kiama LGA

As at 8pm, 20 January there were 139 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 deaths of three people with COVID-19 from our Local Health District: a male aged in his 80s from Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) who was vaccinated against COVID-19, a man in his 80s from the Shoalhaven LGA, who was vaccinated against COVID-19 and a woman in her 70s, also from the Shoalhaven LGA who was vaccinated against COVID-19. The Local Health District expresses its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

### **Additional Updates**

As we've previously reported, the Local Health District continues to evolve our response to the Omicron outbreak, which includes working through the challenges of staff unavailability due to isolation requirements or illness. In recent weeks we have had up to 150 staff furloughed on any given day.

The District has continued to focus on bolstering bed capacity with the support of local private hospitals. Some non-COVID patients, who are stable or awaiting nursing home placement have been transferred from Wollongong Hospital, enabling more capacity to treat patients who sicker and require a higher level of care.

The District has also this week established a COVID positive ward at Bulli Hospital, in the area previously used as our Special Health Accommodation facility. The area has a secure outdoor courtyard so older patients with cognitive issues, who like to wander, can do so in a specially designed and COVID safe environment.

This has been achieved through extraordinary work and collaboration across Bulli and Coledale Hospital's Nursing, Medical and Allied Health teams.

It cannot be underestimated the level of coordination and time it takes to make these moves and ensure we are providing the best environment for our patients and staff, in what has been a highly challenging 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 – 454 cases**

- 2500 – 102
- 2502 – 20
- 2505 – 19
- 2506 – 25
- 2508 – 9
- 2515 – 20
- 2516 – 16
- 2517 – 31
- 2518 – 43
- 2519 – 34
- 2525 – 13
- 2526 – 39
- 2530 – 83

#### **Shellharbour LGA – 207 cases**

- 2527 – 69
- 2528 – 61
- 2529 – 77

#### **Shoalhaven LGA – 252 cases**

- 2535 – 7
- 2538 – 7
- 2539 – 33
- 2540 – 126
- 2541 – 79

#### **Kiama LGA – 48 cases**

- 2533 – 25
- 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>.