

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 896 positive COVID-19 test results (cases) notified for the 24 hour period to 8pm last night – including 380 positive rapid antigen tests (RATs) and 516 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:

- 269 cases from Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA)
- 122 cases from Shellharbour LGA
- 99 cases from Shoalhaven LGA
- 26 cases from Kiama LGA

As at 8pm, 23 January there were 154 COVID-19 cases in hospital in the District (please note, this total may include patients who are no longer COVID-19 positive).

Local COVID-19 response update

Back to School Vaccination Blitz

From today, Monday 24 January to Saturday 19 February, the Mass Vaccination Centre in Wollongong will be ramping up appointment availability with a Back to School Vaccination Blitz for children aged five to 11.

Children's vaccinations will be available six days a week (Monday to Saturday) for the four-week period, increasing the number of appointments available for children as they head back to the classroom.

Vaccinations will also continue to be available for kids aged five to 11 at the Shoalhaven Hospital Vaccination Centre on Fridays, with plenty of appointments available in the coming weeks.

Given the more specialised nature of vaccinating children, there is no walk-in capacity for this age group and vaccination is by appointment only.

In the first two weeks, the District's clinics in Wollongong and Nowra have already vaccinated more than 1000 children in the five to 11 age group.

Parents and caregivers can make an appointment for their child by calling the Illawarra and Shoalhaven Vaccination Booking Team on 1300 096 365 during business hours, or book online via the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#) or our COVID-19 [Vaccination Support form](#).

Children aged five to 11 can also receive their COVID-19 vaccination in a range of centres and local community settings including general practitioners, community pharmacies, NSW Health clinics and other providers such as Aboriginal Medical Services.

For more information about vaccinations, visit our website - <https://bit.ly/ISLHDVaccineClinics>

Kids' Vaccination Day this Wednesday

The Mass Vaccination Centre in Wollongong and the Shoalhaven Hospital Vaccination Clinic in Nowra will also be hosting a Kids' Vaccination Day this **Wednesday 26 January**, for children aged five to 11.

The aim is to create a fun and welcoming space for children to receive their vaccination, with decorations and vaccination staff donning brightly coloured scrubs and costumes.

Over 560 appointments will be available on the day, across both Wollongong and Nowra clinics. Bookings are essential. Parents and caregivers can make an appointment for their child over the phone or online, as outlined above.

Please note - walk-in appointments for adults will not be available on this day.

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 – 269 cases

- 2500 – 47
- 2502 – 17
- 2505 – 8
- 2506 – 11
- 2508 – 10
- 2515 – 18
- 2516 – 6
- 2517 – 14
- 2518 – 27
- 2519 – 10
- 2525 – 20
- 2526 – 24
- 2530 – 57

Shellharbour LGA – 122 cases

- 2527 – 40
- 2528 – 32
- 2529 – 50

Shoalhaven LGA – 99 cases

- 2535 – 9
- 2538 – 2
- 2539 – 15
- 2540 – 41
- 2541 – 32

Kiama LGA – 26 cases

- 2533 – 18
- 2534 – 8

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>.