

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 659 positive COVID-19 test results (cases) notified for the 24 hour period to 8pm last night – including 291 positive PCR tests and 368 positive rapid antigen tests (RATs).

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 cases is provided below:

- 335 cases from Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA)
- 145 cases from Shellharbour LGA
- 150 cases from Shoalhaven LGA
- 29 cases from Kiama LGA

Sadly NSW Health is today reporting the deaths of three people with COVID-19 from our Local Health District,

- A male in his 70s from Shellharbour LGA who was vaccinated against COVID-19
- A male in his 80s from Shellharbour LGA who was vaccinated against COVID-19
- A female in her 80s from Shoalhaven LGA who was vaccinated against COVID-19

The Local Health District expresses its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

As at 8pm, 31 January there were 174 COVID-19 cases in hospital in the District (please note, this total may include patients who are no longer COVID-19 positive).

Local COVID update

The LHD has welcomed the Premier's announcement that non-urgent elective surgery requiring an overnight stay can begin to resume in a staged manner.

Our hospital teams are now working through the development of a reimplementation plan, taking into account local circumstances including the availability of staff. Whilst hospitalisations across the state have stabilised; locally we continue to see high numbers of COVID positive cases admitted to hospital as well as patients requiring hospital treatment as a result of COVID. This is in addition to increased presentations for non-COVID related injury and illness.

In addition, there are around 150 ISLHD health care workers in isolation on any given day as a result of being exposed to COVID-19, further impacting the District's capacity.

All emergency and elective surgery classified as urgent continues to be performed across the LHD and the District continues to carry out day-only surgical procedures (that do not require an overnight admission).

This continues to enable additional bed capacity within our hospitals, which at this stage is where our priority remains given the extra demand on our services caused by the Omicron wave of COVID-19.

The District also continues to work closely with our private hospitals partners, who have supported additional bed capacity for local patients during this time. Our local private hospitals will also continue to support the Local Health District as we work through the resumption of additional elective surgery as quickly as possible.

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 – 335 cases

- 2500 – 39
- 2502 – 28
- 2505 – 5
- 2506 – 15
- 2508 – 25
- 2515 – 17
- 2516 – 10
- 2517 – 18
- 2518 – 29
- 2519 – 31
- 2525 – 21
- 2526 – 34
- 2530 – 63

Shellharbour LGA – 145 cases

- 2527 – 61
- 2528 – 39
- 2529 – 45

Shoalhaven LGA – 150 cases

- 2535 – 13
- 2538 – 1
- 2539 – 15
- 2540 – 73
- 2541 – 48

Kiama LGA – 29 cases

- 2533 – 22
- 2534 – 7

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>.