

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 607 positive COVID-19 test results (cases) notified for the 24 hour period to 4pm yesterday – including 279 positive PCR tests and 328 positive rapid antigen tests (RATs).

A breakdown of cases is provided below:

- 322 cases from Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA)
- 124 cases from Shellharbour LGA
- 136 cases from Shoalhaven LGA
- 25 cases from Kiama LGA

Sadly NSW Health is today reporting the death of two people with COVID-19 from our Local Health District. Details are as follows:

- A male in his 70s from Wollongong LGA who was not vaccinated
- A male in his 90s from Shellharbour LGA who was vaccinated against COVID-19

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

The breakdown on the number of COVID-19 cases in the District's hospitals is not currently available. We will update this information if received.

Local update

Vaccine outreach

In the coming days, our Local Health District will be operating a number of pop-up Pfizer vaccination clinics for our local communities. First, second, third (for the immunocompromised), and booster doses will be available at these clinics, as well as vaccinations for children aged five years and over.

Details as follows:

Location: Warrawong Community Centre, 9 Greene Street, Warrawong
Date: Friday, 18 February 2022
Time: 11am to 4pm
Bookings: Call 4286 8720. Walk-ins are welcome.

Location: Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre, 49a Cawley Street, Bellambi
Date: Thursday, 24 February 2022
Time: 11am to 4pm
Bookings: Call 4286 8720. Walk-ins are welcome.

The following pop-up clinic will also be held for the local Aboriginal community:

Location: PCYC Shoalhaven, 72 Park Road, Nowra
Date: Saturday, 19 February 2022
Time: 10am to 3.30pm
Bookings: No appointment is needed. For more information or travel assistance (taxi voucher) call Sharon on 0423 024 276 or Kristie on 0434 569 735.

Shoalhaven Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit

The Shoalhaven Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit will recommence accepting mental health consumers from today, Thursday, 17 February.

In September 2021, as part of the District's COVID-19 response, the Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit at Shoalhaven Hospital was temporarily repurposed for use as a Special Health Accommodation facility. The facility provided safe, local accommodation for the community who did not need higher level hospital treatment, but who needed some support or care and to be isolated from household contacts.

Given the decreased need for community isolation support, the unit was handed back to the Mental Health Service late last week.

The Wollongong Special Health Accommodation remains open for those members of the community that need support with isolating due to COVID-19.

Wollongong Hospital ED marquee

The marquee installed outside the Wollongong Hospital Emergency Department (ED) will be disassembled and removed tomorrow, Friday 18 February in light of reduced numbers of COVID-19 cases in our community.

The marquee was installed outside the ED in September last year, as part of Wollongong Hospital's COVID-19 planning and response. The marquee was established in anticipation of increased local cases of COVID-19 to enable the safe and efficient transition of patients from the community into the ED.

We ask the community to be aware of the activity in the area tomorrow, as there may be minor disruptions to pedestrian and vehicle flow whilst this work is underway.

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 – 322 cases

- 2500 – 65
- 2502 – 15
- 2505 – 10
- 2506 – 14
- 2508 – 15
- 2515 – 18
- 2516 – 7
- 2517 – 18
- 2518 – 31
- 2519 – 20
- 2525 – 16
- 2526 – 29
- 2530 – 64

Shellharbour LGA – 124 cases

- 2527 – 47
- 2528 – 26
- 2529 – 51

Shoalhaven LGA – 136 cases

- 2535 – 12
- 2538 – 3
- 2539 – 22
- 2540 – 57
- 2541 – 42

Kiama LGA – 25 cases

- 2533 – 18
- 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>.