COVID-19 UPDATE

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



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Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District COVID-19 update

ISLHD case numbers

There were 1091 positive COVID-19 test results (cases) notified for the 24 hour period to 4pm yesterday – including 404 positive PCR tests and 687 positive rapid antigen tests (RATs).

A breakdown of cases is provided below:

- 654 cases from Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA)
- 192 cases from Shellharbour LGA
- 190 cases from Shoalhaven LGA
- 55 cases from Kiama LGA

Sadly NSW Health is today reporting the death of one person with COVID-19 from our Local Health District (LHD). Details are as follows:

• A male in his 40s from Shoalhaven LGA who had significant underlying health conditions. He was not vaccinated against COVID-19

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

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

COVID-19 Emergency Evacuation Advice

NSW Health has issued important advice to people who are isolating due to COVID-19 and need to evacuate their home due to the threat of rising floodwaters.

If you are told to evacuate, you must evacuate," said NSW Acting Chief Health Officer Dr Marianne Gale.

"Under no circumstances should you remain in self-isolation at your residence – your safety is our highest concern and an emergency evacuation is a valid reason to leave your home."

Dr Gale urged all people isolating due to COVID-19 in communities at risk of flooding to develop an evacuation plan immediately.

"Start putting together your medicines, extra drinking fluids and comfort items ready to go with you," she said.

"Where possible, stay with friends and family who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations, who have enough space in their home for you to continue self-isolating and who do not have an elderly or severely immunocompromised person at home. You may also choose to stay in a hotel or motel if feasible."

Evacuation centres have plans to manage the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Do not hesitate to go to an evacuation centre if you have no safe, alternative accommodation.

For more details on evacuation plans, the State Emergency Service has advice here: <u>https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/protect-what-you-love-3things/</u><u>https://www.nsw.gov.au/prepare-for-a-disaster/be-ready-for-an-emergency-evacuation</u>

For a full list of local COVID-19 testing clinic locations visit: <u>https://bit.ly/ISLHD-COVID-testing.</u>