ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT Media Information covid-19



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Updated information on COVID-19 Clinics

Given the lower COVID-19 case numbers and rates of community transmission in NSW and the region, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District will wind-up its Albion Park COVID-19 drive-through Assessment Clinic this week.

The clinic, which was established at the Albion Park Showground in July, will cease operation at 4pm on **Wednesday**, **25 November 2020**.

Other clinics in the District, including those at Wollongong and Shellharbour Hospitals are prepared to meet any increased demand and another pop-up clinic can be quickly established should the need arise.

While there have been no new locally acquired cases in NSW for the past 16 days, people are encouraged to get tested, even if they display only the mildest symptoms, such as a runny nose or scratchy throat, cough, or fever. Any of these symptoms could signal a COVID-19 infection.

A full list of the District's assessment clinics, including opening hours, is kept updated on the <u>ISLHD website</u>. Members of the community are encouraged to check the website prior to attending a clinic to ensure they have the most up-to-date information.

There are more than 300 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW. To find your nearest clinic visit https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics or contact your GP. Most people receive their test results within 24-72 hours.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- If you are unwell, get tested and isolate right away don't delay.
- Wash your hands regularly. Take hand sanitiser with you when you go out.
- Keep your distance. Leave 1.5 metres between yourself and others.
- Wear a mask when using public transport, rideshares and taxis, and in shops, places of worship and other places where you can't physically distance. When taking taxis or rideshares, commuters should also sit in the back.