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COVID-19 detected at Thredbo and Merimbula sewage plants

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) is urging the Thredbo and Merimbula communities to get tested with even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms following the detection of fragments of the virus in the local sewage systems in the last 48 hours.

This is the third detection of COVID-19 in the Merimbula sewage system in the past week and the first detection at Thredbo since the start of the Sydney outbreak. There are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in either of these locations. SNSWLHD is concerned that the presence of these fragments could signal undetected cases in the community.

The [NSW Sewage Surveillance Program](#) tests untreated sewage for fragments of the COVID-19 virus at sewage treatment plant locations across NSW.

SNSWLHD is correcting inaccurate media reports about a COVID-19 case in the Snowy Monaro LGA. The case was temporarily allocated to the Snowy Monaro on the NSW Health website based on the case's previous residential address.

SNSWLHD urges people to be alert for any cold-like symptoms that could signal COVID-19, including headache, nausea, sore throat, runny nose, cough, loss of smell or taste, or fever. If symptoms appear, people must isolate and get tested immediately, and remain isolated until a negative result is received.

Testing is available at Jindabyne, Cooma and Bega this week:

South East Regional Hospital drive through

4 Virginia Drive, Bega
8.00am – 4.00pm Monday – Sunday

Cooma Showgrounds drive through

Cromwell St, Cooma
8.00am – 4.00pm, Monday - Sunday

Cooma Hospital drive through

Bent St, Cooma
8.00am – 4.00pm, Monday - Sunday

Jindabyne HealthOne carpark

5 Thredbo Terrace, Jindabyne
9.00am – 3.00pm, Monday - Sunday

There are more than 475 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW. A full list of the clinic sites and hours is available on our website: <https://www.snswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-services/infectious-disease/covid-19>

If you are eligible, please also come forward for vaccination as soon as possible. There are more than 100 NSW vaccination clinics and outreach locations across the state in addition to GPs and pharmacists. Check your eligibility at <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>

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 at all times when outside your home, except when exercising.

For up-to-date statistics [NSW Health](#)

Read more [COVID-19 FAQs](#)