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Two COVID-19 cases confirmed in Queanbeyan and COVID-19 detected at Bega, Cooma and Goulburn sewage treatment plants

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) has been notified of two new COVID-19 cases, both in Queanbeyan. Both are linked to an ACT workplace.

The new cases will be reported in tomorrow's numbers, as the notifications came in after 8.00pm last night. There were no cases reported in the District in the 24 hours to 8.00pm last night.

There are no venues of concern identified in NSW related to these two cases.

SNSWLHD is also urging the Cooma, Goulburn and Bega 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 first detection at Bega since the start of the Sydney outbreak. There are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Bega or Cooma. 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.

Everyone in the District should be alert for any 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.

There are more than 475 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW. A full list of SNSWLHD's 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](#)