

15 November 2021

### **Two new COVID-19 cases in Southern NSW**

Southern NSW Local Health District is urging community members to continue to come forward for vaccination and to be alert for any symptoms that could signal COVID-19 following notification of **two** new COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8.00pm last night.

Both of the new cases are in the **Queanbeyan Palerang** region (Karabar and Bungendore) and are linked to known cases.

This brings the total cases in SNSWLHD to **531** since the start of the current outbreak in June.

Everyone aged 12 years and over is eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be safe, effective and life-saving.

NSW Health state-run clinics are now offering a booster dose, using the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, to individuals aged 18 and over.

This booster shot will help people maintain a high level of protection against the COVID-19 virus, including the Delta variant.

People aged 18 years and older may receive a booster at least six months after receiving their second dose of any of the COVID-19 vaccines registered for use in Australia.

First, second and booster vaccinations can be booked through the [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

The community is being reminded that as of today, Monday 15 November, NSW Health will no longer routinely list case locations for regional and rural NSW on its website. This change does not affect NSW Health's contact tracing work.

NSW Health will continue to contact people diagnosed with COVID-19 and their close contacts, and all people who need to follow specific health advice. If you receive a message from NSW Health, it is important that you follow the advice in that message.

People who have been to a venue around the same time as a person with COVID-19 will continue to receive a case location alert from Service NSW.

NSW Health will also continue to support workplaces and other locations with a potential COVID-19 outbreak.

This minor change was already made several weeks ago for case locations in Greater Sydney, including the Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour, and the Nepean Blue Mountains.

NSW Health will continue to notify the public of venues of concern where there has been high levels of transmission and there is a need to alert members of the community who may have been there during the exposure period.

Anyone developing COVID-19 symptoms such as headache, nausea, sore throat, runny nose, cough, loss of smell or taste, or fever, must isolate and get tested immediately, and remain isolated until a negative result is received.

There are more than 500 [COVID-19 testing locations](#) across NSW.

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 indoors at public venues and while on or waiting for public transport.