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COVID-19 detected at Cooma sewage plant

Southern NSW Local Health District (LHD) is urging the Cooma community to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and get tested if they develop, following the detection of fragments of the virus in the local sewage system in the last 48 hours.

This is the second detection of COVID-19 in the Cooma sewage system this week. The LHD is concerned that the presence of these fragments could signal undetected cases in the community.

The Cooma sewage treatment plant serves approximately 8,000 people.

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

The District urges people in the area 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 Cooma and Jindabyne:

Cooma Showgrounds drive through

Cromwell Street, Cooma.

7am – 7pm, Monday – Sunday

Jindabyne HealthOne carpark

5 Thredbo Terrace, Jindabyne

8am - 3pm, Monday – Sunday

JJ Connors Oval drive through

Park Road, Jindabyne.

8am – 4pm, Monday - Sunday

There are more than 460 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW. A full list of the clinic sites and hours is available on our website: <https://www.snswhd.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](#)