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Thirteen 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 **13** new COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8.00pm last night.

Of the 13 new cases:

- Nine are in the **Queanbeyan Palerang** region (three in Karabar, two are in Jerrabomberra, one is in Queanbeyan, two are in Crestwood, one is un Urila). One of the Karabar cases is linked to a known case. The other cases are under investigation.
- One is in the **Yass Valley** region (Yass) and is under investigation.
- Three are in the **Bega Valley** region (Pambula) and are linked to known cases.

This brings the total cases in SNSWLHD to **522** since the start of the current outbreak in June.

SNSWLHD is making some changes to its COVID-19 testing clinics.

The Jindabyne clinic will open on Tuesdays and Fridays only from today and will be located at the Jindabyne HealthOne.

The Bega clinic is temporarily moving to South East Regional Hospital due to forecast heavy rain. It will operate at the Hospital from Friday 12 to Sunday 14 November.

The Yass clinic will close next week and will operate by appointment only. Please contact the SNSWLHD COVID Triage line on 1800 318 248 or submit an online enquiry form <https://www.snswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/additional-pages/covid-19-testing-enquiry-form>

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](#).

Venues of concern are listed on the NSW Health website:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx>

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.