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COVID-19 detected in Merimbula sewage

Southern NSW Local Health District is urging the Merimbula community to get tested with even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms following the detection of fragments of the virus in the local sewage system.

The presence of these fragments in the Merimbula sewage treatment plant, which serves about 15,000 people on the South Coast, could signal undetected cases in the community.

The LHD urges people in the area to be alert for any cold-like symptoms that could signal COVID-19, including sore throat, runny nose, cough, fever or headache. If symptoms appear, people must isolate and get tested immediately, and remain isolated until a negative result is received.

A pop up drive through clinic will be open 2.00pm – 7.00pm today in the carpark at Club Sapphire, 119 Main Street, Merimbula. The clinic will also operate 8.00am – 4.00pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week.

South East Regional Hospital's COVID-19 drive through testing clinic is open Monday to Sunday 8am - 4pm.

A full list of COVID-19 testing 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 indoor venues, especially if you can't physically distance

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