

1 November 2021

Five new COVID-19 cases in Southern NSW

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) has been notified of **five** new COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8.00pm last night.

This brings the total cases in SNSWLHD to **463** since the start of the current outbreak in June.

Of the five new cases:

- Four cases are in the **Queanbeyan Palerang** region. Two are in Queanbeyan, one is in Googong and one is in Crestwood. The Crestwood case is linked to a known case. The other cases are under investigation.
- One case is in the **Yass Valley** and is under investigation.

SNSWLHD is urging everyone aged 12 years and over to come forward for a COVID-19 vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be safe, effective and life-saving. It is easy to book a vaccination close to home using the Commonwealth Government's [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

NSW Health state-run clinics will offer a booster dose, using the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, to individuals aged 18 and over from Monday 1 November.

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.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be offered as the booster dose, regardless of the COVID-19 vaccine received for the first or second dose. A booster vaccination can be booked through the [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

For the purposes of complying with public health orders, people who have received two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine and completed their 'primary course' are still considered fully vaccinated, but the booster dose is important for strengthening protection against the virus.

NSW Health state-run clinics are already providing a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to people aged 12 and older who are severely immunocompromised.

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.

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>

SNSWLHD is making some changes to COVID-19 testing clinics in the Eurobodalla region.

A new clinic opens today Monday 1 November at Gundry Oval, Campbell Street, Moruya. The clinic will operate 9.00am to 3.00pm Monday – Saturday. The Hanging Rock Batemans Bay and Moruya Hospital clinics are now closed.

There are more than 500 [COVID-19 testing locations](#) across NSW. A full list of SNSWLHD's clinic sites and hours is available on our website: <https://www.snswhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-services/infectious-disease/covid-19>

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.