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Five 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, 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.

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

Of the five new cases:

- **Two** are in the **Queanbeyan Palerang LGA**. Both are in Karabar and are linked to known cases.
- **Three** are in the **Bega Valley LGA**. Two are in Pambula, one case is linked to a known case and one is under investigation. One is in Candelo and is under investigation.

This brings the total cases in SNSWLHD to **484** since the start of the current outbreak in June.

Bega Valley residents can access free drive through testing at Old Bega Racecourse, corner Jacksonia Grove and East St, Bega NSW. To access the testing clinic, vehicles need to enter from Auckland St, turn right onto Jacksonia Grove moving towards the corner of East St. Traffic control is in place. The clinic is open Monday to Friday 8.00am to 2.00pm and weekends 9.00am to 2.00pm.

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

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>

It is important that everyone aged 12 years and over continues to come forward for the COVID-19 vaccination. It is easy to book using the Commonwealth Government's [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

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.