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New COVID-19 cases and venues of concern in South East NSW

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) has reported 3 new cases to 8pm last night, bringing the total cases in the LHD to 17 since the start of the current outbreak in June.

Two of the new cases are in Batemans Bay, both linked to a known case. One new case is in Cooma and is under investigation.

SNSWLHD can also now advise there have been an additional three new COVID-19 cases today, after 8pm last night.

One case is in Batemans Bay and two are in Merimbula. These cases will be reported in tomorrow's numbers.

The new Batemans Bay case is a close contact of the first two cases announced this week. The sources of the Merimbula cases are still under investigation.

SNSWLHD is urging the Moruya 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 in the last 48 hours.

This is the first detection of COVID-19 in the Moruya sewage system since the start of the Sydney outbreak. There are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Moruya. SNSWLHD is concerned that the presence of these fragments could signal undetected cases in the community.

SNSWLHD's Public Health Unit (PHU) are working with a number of venues to inform close contacts of infectious cases and provide rapid swabbing where appropriate.

Anyone who attended the following venue at the time listed is **a casual contact and must immediately get tested and isolate until a negative result is received.**

Eden	Caltex	159 Imlay Street	Wednesday 1 September 3.25pm to 3.40pm
Merimbula	Cranky's Cafe	33 Ocean Drive	Tuesday 31 August 9.50am to 10.15am
Merimbula	Merimbula Medical Centre	77 Merimbula Drive	Tuesday 7 September 10.30 to 11.30am

Merimbula	Main Street Medical Centre - Vaccination clinic ONLY	6/93 Main Street, Merimbula	Friday 3 September 1.30 to 2.30pm
Pambula	Auto One	9 Toallo Street	Friday 3 September 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Pambula	Mitre 10	10 Toallo Street	Wednesday 1 September 7.15am to 7.45am
Merimbula	Sapphire Cellars	5 Park Street	Thursday 2 September 11.50am to 12.00pm
Tura Beach	Woolworths	Tura Beach Drive	Thursday 2 September 1.00pm to 1.30pm 3.30pm to 4.45pm Friday 3 September 11.50am to 12.00pm Sunday 5 September 11.30am to 11.45am
Tura Beach	Harvey Norman	1 Tura Beach Drive	Sunday 5 September 9.30am to 4.00pm Monday 6 September 9.30am to 4.00pm Tuesday 7 September 9.30am to 10.30am

If additional venues are identified through further contact tracing these will be announced as soon as they are known.

Anyone who checked in to a venue of concern during the times listed, using the Service NSW QR app, will be notified by SMS from NSW Health as soon as possible over the next 24 hours.

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.

A free, pop up, drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic is open daily at Club Sapphire Merimbula, 8.00am – 4.00pm until Sunday 12 September.

There are more than 485 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW. A full list of SNSWLHD's clinic sites and hours is available on our website: <https://www.snswlhd.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 200 mobile and outreach vaccination clinics 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.

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