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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 following notification of **five** new COVID-19 cases in the 24 hours to 8.00pm last night.

Of the five new cases:

- Four are in the **Queanbeyan Palerang** region (three in Karabar, one in Queanbeyan) and are under investigation.
- One is in the **Bega Valley** region (Pambula) and is under investigation.

This brings the total cases in SNSWLHD to **527** since the start of the current outbreak in June.

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

The Jindabyne clinic is now open on Tuesdays and Fridays only and is located at the Jindabyne HealthOne.

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

The Yass clinic will open today 8am to 1pm at Walker Park Sporting Complex, Merriman Drive.

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.