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DATE: 9 November 2021

SUBJECT: Corowa Hospital COVID-19 cases

Murrumbidgee Local Health District is managing a number of cases of COVID-19 at Corowa Hospital.

There are currently five cases associated with the hospital - four patients and one staff member. The staff member is fully vaccinated.

The source of the outbreak is currently under investigation. There are no other exposure sites in Corowa to report at this time.

Patients and staff who have been identified as close contacts are being supported by the District and are currently undergoing testing.

MLHD is monitoring the situation closely in line with its COVID-19 Management plan. The community can be reassured that it is safe to present for care at Corowa Hospital's Emergency Department.

The community is reminded to monitor for symptoms and if they occur, to get tested and isolate until they receive a negative result. For testing locations across the District go to www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au, or for help accessing a test call the Murrumbidgee COVID-19 Hotline 1800 831 099.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, sore throat, cough, headache, runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches or pains, and a change in taste or smell.

Vaccination is the best way to protect our children, families and the wider community from COVID-19. This is an important step in getting our community back to a 'COVID-normal' environment and importantly, to protect others who may be more vulnerable to illness.

Federation LGA has one of the highest COVID-19 vaccination rates in NSW. More than 95% of people aged over 15 years are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

If you need a first, second or booster dose (6 months after dose 2) of a COVID-19 vaccine head to the vaccine clinic finder <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-clinic-finder> or speak to your local GP or pharmacist.

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