

Monday 14 February 2022

COVID-19 UPDATE – Monday 14 February 2022

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District has 4,877 active cases of COVID-19 across the District bringing the total number of cases since 1 July 2021 to 23,920.

There are currently 34 COVID-19 patients in MLHD who are being cared for in hospital. Three of these patients are in ICU, two patients are ventilated.

Sadly, we also report the death of two men in their 70s and one man in his 80s. The men were residents of Edward River LGA, Griffith LGA and Wagga Wagga LGA. We extend our sincere condolences to the families and loved ones.

Across the MLHD, more than 95 per cent of people aged 16 and over have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine to Sunday 6 February 2022. Of children aged 12 to 15, 85.2 per cent have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 79.3 per cent have received two doses.

Across NSW, of children aged 5 to 11, 45.2 per cent have received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of people aged 16 plus, 48 per cent have now received a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. This represents 52.3 per cent of the eligible population that received their second dose more than three months ago.

GET VACCINATED - POP-UPS AND BOOSTERS

Anyone aged 5 and over can now have their COVID-19 vaccine. Booster doses are now available for people aged 16 and over who had their second dose at least 3 months ago.

The MLHD Mobile Vaccination Clinic will be in Tolland and Ashmont this week offering first, second and booster doses for anyone aged 5 and over. The clinics are available for walk-ins, or you can book ahead to pre-register and save time in the line: visit the vaccine clinic finder a [covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking](https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/booking) or google “vaccine clinic finder”.

- Tolland Community Centre
Monday 14 – Thursday 17 February
2.00 pm to 6.00 pm
- Ashmont Ngurra Community Centre
Friday 18 February
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

The MLHD Vaccination Clinic in Wagga Wagga has extended opening hours and is now open from 11.30 am until 7.00 pm weekdays and Saturday until 3.00 pm. The MLHD Vaccination Clinic in Griffith is open until 5.00 pm weekdays and Saturday mornings. The Moderna vaccine is also available on Monday mornings at Wagga Wagga and Griffith clinics from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. For more information visit:

<https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-services/covid-19-services/covid-19-vaccination>

We urge people to get their booster dose as soon as they are eligible, to best protect themselves, their loved ones and the community from the ongoing transmission of COVID-19. We also strongly recommend that people aged 12 years and over who are severely

immunocompromised have a third primary dose of vaccine from two months after their second dose.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available at more than 100 locations across the region including GP's, Pharmacies, Aboriginal Medical Services and MLHD clinics. We encourage everyone who is eligible to book into a NSW Health vaccination clinic or another provider without delay through the [COVID-19 vaccine clinic finder](#).

UNWELL? GET TESTED!

MLHD COVID-19 Testing Clinics are still open. If you have any symptoms, you can come forward for a PCR test. PCR test results currently take around 48-72 hours to process. You do not need PCR test if you have already returned a positive Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).

To find your nearest COVID-19 testing clinic visit <https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-services/covid-19-services/covid-19-testing-clinics>

Anyone who tests positive with a RAT must:

- Register your positive RAT on your Service NSW App, the Service NSW website, or by phone 13 77 88 to understand their risk and access support from NSW health
- Self-isolate and follow the NSW Health advice for testing positive.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

NSW Health continues to provide the latest case numbers, vaccination totals and statistics on coronavirus in New South Wales.

- For today's COVID-19 case numbers for NSW (which include PCR numbers and newly released RAT figures by local health district) go to: <https://bit.ly/NSWHealthMediaUpdates>
- For the total number of active cases go to: <https://bit.ly/NSWHealthCOVID-19Update>
- For cases and tests broken down by health district and local government area go to: <https://bit.ly/LocallyAcquiredCases>
- For vaccination rates by postcode go to: https://bit.ly/NSW_Vaccination_by_postcode

We encourage everyone who is eligible to receive a vaccination or their booster dose to book into a vaccination clinic or another provider without delay. Book your appointment here: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>

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