

Friday 22 October 2021

## PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – COVID-19 UPDATE

35 new cases of COVID-19 were recorded in Murrumbidgee Local Health District to 8pm last night.

Residents in Albury, Murray River, Federation and Greater Hume LGA's are urged to limit their movements in and out of the community at this time and widespread COVID-19 testing is critical.

Anyone currently experiencing, or who has recently experienced even mild cold-like symptoms is asked to come forward immediately for testing. It's important that you isolate after your test until you get a result if you have symptoms.

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.

For testing locations go to [www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au), or for help accessing a test call the Murrumbidgee COVID-19 Hotline 1800 831 099.

## CASE BREAKDOWN

Of the 35 cases recorded in the MLHD to 8pm last night:

- 30 cases are residents of the Albury LGA. Of these cases two are residents of a private care facility.
- Two cases are residents of the Federation LGA.
- Two cases are residents of the Greater Hume LGA.
- One is a resident of the Murray River LGA.

There has been a total of **218** cases and two deaths recorded in the MLHD since the start of the current outbreak. These include **150** in Albury LGA, 25 in Hilltops LGA, 14 in Edward River LGA, **14** in the Greater Hume LGA, **five** in Murray River LGA, **five** in Federation LGA, two in Wagga Wagga LGA, two in Berrigan LGA and one in Griffith LGA.

## COVID-19 VACCINATION

As cases continue to grow in the Murrumbidgee LHD it is critical that residents come forward for vaccination. Vaccination is proven to prevent serious illness of COVID-19 and lower the risk of transmission.

COVID-19 Vaccination is available at more than 100 locations across the District including GP's, Pharmacies, Aboriginal Medical Services and MLHD clinics. Head to [www.healthdirect.gov.au](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au) to find a clinic near you.

## SEWAGE DETECTIONS

MLHD confirms fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been detected in sewage in Leeton, Boorowa, Albury and Mulwala in the last 24 hours. MLHD renews calls for the community to come forward for testing.

## TESTING

MLHD has completed hundreds of tests across the region in the past 24 hours. 133 in Jindera, 194 in Wagga Wagga, 53 in Deniliquin, 56 in Barham, 17 in Leeton, 56 in Henty, 72 in Corowa and 42 in Griffith.

Testing is currently available in the Border region as follows:

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| Albury  | <b>Dorevitch Pathology</b><br>Lavington Hall - Cnr<br>Urana Road and<br>Hague St   | Monday to Thursday<br>9.00 am – 5.00 pm                    | Drop in Clinic  |
| Albury  | <b>Douglass Hanly Moir Clinic</b><br>Albury Showgrounds<br>(entry via Fallon<br>Street)                                    | Monday - Saturday<br>8:00 am - 1:00 pm                     | Drop in Clinic  |
| Albury  | <b>Laverty Pathology</b><br>Lavington Sports<br>Ground<br>1 Hanna St (use<br>Centaur Road to<br>access Pearsall<br>Street) | 7 days per week<br>8.00am – 5.00pm                         | Drive Thru clinic                                       |
| Albury  | <b>MLHD Clinic</b><br>Mirrambeena<br>Community Centre<br>19 Martha Mews,<br>Lavington                                      | Fri 22 Oct – Sun 24<br>Oct<br>10.00am – 2.00pm             | Drop In or book via<br>the MLHD Hotline<br>1800 831 099 |
| Wodonga | <b>AWH</b><br>Corner Smythe and<br>Stanley Streets   | Mon – Fri<br>8.30am – 3.30pm<br>(closed noon –<br>12.30pm) | Drop in clinic  |
| Wodonga | <b>AWH</b><br>79 Vermont Street,<br>Wodonga  | Mon – Sat<br>8.00am – 4.00pm                               | Drive Thru Clinic                                       |

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## VENUES OF CONCERN

The identification of exposure sites are now part of state-wide venue tracking processes.

We encourage residents to keep an eye on venues of concern via the NSW Health website:  
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx>

Information on requirements for close and casual contacts can be found here:  
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/isolation-guidelines.aspx>

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