

Friday 26 November 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – COVID-19 UPDATE

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District continues to urge the community to come forward for testing and vaccination with 8 new cases of COVID-19 recorded in our District to 8pm last night.

VACCINATION RATES

- 98% 16 Years and over (1st dose)
- 94.5% 16 years and over (2nd dose)
- 84.2% 12-15 years (1st dose)
- 74.4% 12-15 years (2nd dose)

NEW CASES

Of the 8 new cases reported to 8pm last night:

- three cases are residents of the Albury LGA
- two cases are residents of the Wagga Wagga LGA
- one case is a resident of the Greater Hume Shire LGA
- one case is a resident of Snowy Valleys LGA

NSW Health will continue to contact people diagnosed with COVID-19 and their close contacts, and people who need to follow specific health advice. If you receive a message from NSW Health, it is important that you follow the advice in that message.

PATIENT CARE

The vast majority of patients are currently receiving Care in the Home. There are no patients in the Intensive Care Unit.

GET VACCINATED

Everyone aged 12 years and over is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Fully vaccinated people aged 18 years and over, who received their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine six months or more ago, are now eligible for a booster vaccination.

Vaccination is the best way to protect our kids, 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.

COVID-19 vaccinations are also available at more than 100 locations across the region including GP's, Pharmacies, Aboriginal Medical Services and MLHD clinics. Head to [the COVID Vaccine Clinic finder](#) to find a clinic near you.

TESTING

Testing hours in Wagga will be changed on Friday 26 November and resume normal hours from Saturday 27 November.

MLHD Testing availability in Wagga on Friday 26 November is as follows:

Wagga Wagga	MLHD Drive Through Clinic Wagga Showgrounds (entry via Urana Street)	Friday 26 Nov 9.00am – 12.00 noon	Drive through clinic, no appointment needed.
Wagga Wagga	MLHD Testing Clinic 84-86 Murray Street (between the pharmacy and the Australian Red Cross)	Friday 26 Nov 10.00am – 6.00pm	Drop in or book appointment by calling ahead COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 831 099

Anyone currently experiencing, or who has recently experienced, even mild cold-like symptoms is asked to come forward for testing. If you have any symptoms it is important that you isolate until you can be tested and until you get a negative result.

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 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.

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