

Wednesday 27 October 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – COVID-19 UPDATE

Murrumbidgee Local Health District continues to urge the community to get vaccinated against COVID-19 with 38 new cases recorded in our District to 8pm last night.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Of the 38 cases recorded in the MLHD to 8pm last night:

- 34 cases are residents of the Albury LGA
- Two cases are residents of the Wagga Wagga LGA
- One case is a resident of the Federation LGA
- One case is a resident of the Murray River LGA

There has been a total of **431** cases and two deaths recorded in the MLHD since the start of the current outbreak. These include **335** in Albury LGA, 25 in Hilltops LGA, 15 in Edward River LGA, 21 in the Greater Hume LGA, **nine** in Murray River LGA, **eight** in Federation LGA, **six** in Wagga Wagga LGA, eight in Berrigan LGA, one in Griffith LGA, two in Temora LGA and one in Murrumbidgee LGA.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

The MLHD has reached a COVID Vaccine milestone. Currently, 94.4% of residents 16 and older have had their first dose and 81.9% are now fully vaccinated.

As cases continue to grow in the region, however, 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.

It is particularly important that those in the 12-15 aged group come forward for vaccination, as the MLHD works with the NSW Department of Education to manage COVID-19 in the Albury LGA.

MLHD's Walk in Pfizer Clinic is open in Albury today:

Albury	Albury Entertainment Centre 525 Swift Street	Wed 27 Oct 9.00am – 3.00pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only Aged 12+ Clinic to return 16-17 November
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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 to find a clinic near you.

SEWAGE DETECTIONS

Fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 have recently been detected in sewage in **Leeton** and **Young**. People in these areas are advised to monitor for any symptoms and get

tested if they have even the mildest of symptoms. Call the Murrumbidgee COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 831 099 if you need assistance accessing a test.

TESTING

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

Due to a high demand for testing, NSW Health is encouraging those who has no symptoms and have not been instructed to get a COVID-19 test, to avoid doing so.

MLHD is currently testing in Albury as follows:

Albury	Albury Entertainment Centre 525 Swift Street	Wed 27 Oct 9.00am – 3.00pm	Walk in Clinic.
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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.

VENUES OF CONCERN

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

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>