

Thursday 28 October 2021

## PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – COVID-19 UPDATE

Murrumbidgee Local Health District continues to urge the community to get vaccinated against COVID-19 with 30 new cases recorded in our District to 8pm last night.

### CASE BREAKDOWN

Of the 30 cases recorded in the MLHD to 8pm last night:

- 24 cases are residents of the Albury LGA
- Three cases are residents of the Murray River LGA
- Two cases are residents of the Greater Hume LGA
- One case is a resident of the Murrumbidgee LGA

There has been a total of **461** cases and two deaths recorded in the MLHD since the start of the current outbreak. These include **359** in Albury LGA, 25 in Hilltops LGA, **23** in the Greater Hume LGA, 15 in Edward River LGA, **12** in Murray River LGA, eight in Federation LGA, eight in Berrigan LGA, six in Wagga Wagga LGA, two in Coolamon LGA, **two** in Murrumbidgee LGA and one in Griffith 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 also urges the Edward River community to come forward for vaccination.

Our Walk in Pfizer Clinics will be available in the Edward River region next week:

Conargo	Conargo Hall, Conargo Road	Mon 1 Nov 12.30pm – 4.00pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only Aged 12+
Wanganella	Wanganella Hall, Cobb Highway	Tues 2 Nov 10.30am – 3.30pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only Aged 12+
Blighty	Blighty Football Ground	Wed 3 Nov 10.30am – 3.30pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only Aged 12+
Deniliquin	Deniliquin Hospital, McCauley Street	Thurs 4 Nov 9.00am – 4.00pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only Aged 12+

		Fri 5 Nov 9.00am – 12.30pm	
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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](http://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 **Wagga** and **Griffith**.

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	Thurs 28 Oct 10.00am – 4.00pm	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](http://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 managed by both NSW Health and Service NSW.

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>

Further information regarding access to exposure sites in MLHD can be found on our website: <https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-services/covid-19-services/covid-19-exposure-sites>