

Friday 29 October 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – COVID-19 UPDATE

Murrumbidgee Local Health District continues to urge the community to get vaccinated against COVID-19 with 52 new cases recorded in our District to 8pm last night.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Of the 52 cases recorded in the MLHD to 8pm last night:

- 46 cases are residents of the Albury LGA
- One case is resident of the Cootamundra-Gundagai LGA
- One case is a resident of the Wagga Wagga LGA
- One case is a resident of the Murray River LGA
- One case is a resident of the Berrigan LGA
- One case is a resident of the Federation LGA
- One case is a resident of the Greater Hume Shire

A man in his 70s died at the Mercy Place Aged Care Facility in Albury, where he acquired his infection. He had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and is the third death linked to an outbreak at this facility.

There has been a total of **513** cases and three deaths recorded in the MLHD since the start of the current outbreak. These include **405** in Albury LGA, 25 in Hilltops LGA, **24** in the Greater Hume LGA, 15 in Edward River LGA, **13** in Murray River LGA, **nine** in Federation LGA, **nine** in Berrigan LGA, **seven** in Wagga Wagga LGA, two in Coolamon LGA, **two** in Murrumbidgee LGA, one in Cootamundra-Gundagai and one in Griffith LGA.

MLHD thanks the Albury Community for coming forward for COVID testing.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

As cases continue to grow in the region, it is critical 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 12-19 aged group come forward for vaccination, as the MLHD works with the NSW Department of Education to manage COVID-19 in the Albury LGA.

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

Conargo	Conargo Hall, Conargo Road	Mon 1 November 12.30pm – 4.00pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only Aged 12+
Wanganella	Wanganella Hall, Cobb Highway	Tues 2 November 10.30am – 3.30pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only Aged 12+
Blighty	Blighty Football Ground	Wed 3 November 10.30am – 3.30pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only

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Deniliquin	Deniliquin Hospital, McCauley Street	Thurs 4 November 9.00am – 4.00pm Fri 5 November 9.00am – 12.30pm	No booking needed Pfizer Only Aged 12+

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 **Holbrook, Corowa** and **Mulwala**.

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 providing additional testing in Albury and Jerilderie follows:

Albury	Albury Entertainment Centre 525 Swift Street	Friday 29 October Saturday 30 October Sunday 31 October Monday 1 November 10.00am – 4.00pm	Via MLHD Hotline 1800 831 099.or walk ins accepted
Albury	Westside Community Centre	Wednesday 3rd November 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Thursday 4th November 9.00 am – 2.00 pm	Via MLHD Hotline 1800 831 099. or walk ins accepted
Jerilderie	Jerilderie MPS	Monday 1 November 12.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Booking via the MLHD Hotline 1800 831 099.

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 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>