

Thursday 4 November 2021

### PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – COVID-19 UPDATE

Murrumbidgee Local Health District continues to urge the community to get vaccinated against COVID-19 with 36 new cases recorded in our District to 8pm last night.

#### CASE BREAKDOWN

Of the 36 cases recorded in the MLHD to 8pm last night:

- 31 cases are residents of the Albury LGA
- Two cases are residents of the Greater Hume LGA
- Two cases are residents of the Griffith LGA
- One case is a resident of the Lockhart LGA

There has been a total of **670** cases and six deaths recorded in the MLHD since the start of the current outbreak. These include **518** in Albury LGA, 25 in Hilltops LGA, **32** in the Greater Hume LGA, 15 in Edward River LGA, 33 in Murray River LGA, 11 in Federation LGA, 12 in Berrigan LGA, 14 in Wagga Wagga LGA, two in Coolamon LGA, two in Murrumbidgee LGA, one in Cootamundra-Gundagai, and **four** in Griffith LGA and one is a resident of the Lockhart LGA.

#### COVID-19 VACCINATION

We continue to urge everyone who hasn't done so already to come forward for vaccination.

Everyone in Australia aged 12 and over can receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination appointments can be booked via the [Australian Government Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

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.

MLHD is working with the NSW Department of Education to vaccinate students.

Pfizer clinics are available in the border region this week as follows:

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| Albury | James Fallon High School<br>Fallon Street, North Albury | Thursday 4 Nov<br>3.30pm – 8.00pm         | Walk in Clinic<br>Pfizer Only<br>Aged 12+ |
| Albury | Westside Community Centre<br>16 Mulga Place             | Thursday 4 Nov<br>9.00 am – 2.00 pm       | Walk in Clinic<br>Pfizer Only<br>Aged 12+ |
| Albury | TAFE NSW<br>Poole Street                                | Friday 5 Nov<br>10.00 am – 1.00pm         | Walk in Clinic<br>Pfizer Only<br>Aged 12+ |
| Albury | Albury Entertainment Centre<br>525 Swift Street         | Sat 6 Nov – Sun 7 Nov<br>10.00am – 3.00pm | Walk in Clinic<br>Pfizer Only<br>Aged 12+ |

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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 [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 Wagga (Narrung Street), Albury, Holbrook, Griffith and West Wyalong.

## 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 after your test, until you get a negative result.

MLHD is currently providing additional testing in Albury, Leeton, West Wyalong, and Griffith as follows:

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| Albury          | Albury Entertainment Centre<br>525 Swift Street                | Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>10.00am – 4.00pm | Via MLHD<br>Hotline 1800<br>831 099 or<br>walk ins<br>accepted   |
| Albury          | Westside Community Centre                                      | Thursday 4th November<br>9.00 am – 2.00 pm                            | Via MLHD<br>Hotline 1800<br>831 099 or<br>walk ins<br>accepted   |
| Leeton          | Leeton Hospital, Myall Street                                  | Monday – Friday<br>9.00 am – 11.00 am                                 | Drop in during<br>these hours or<br>book an<br>appointment<br>via the MLHD<br>Hotline 1800<br>831 099. |
| Griffith        | MLHD Testing Clinic<br>50-52 Yambil Street<br>(next to Axiken) | Open 7 days a week<br>9.30am – 1.30pm                                 | Drop in during<br>these hours or<br>book an<br>appointment<br>via the MLHD<br>Hotline 1800<br>831 099. |
| West<br>Wyalong | West Wyalong Hospital<br>70 Ungarie Road                       | Monday – Friday<br>8.00am – 10.00am                                   | Book an<br>appointment<br>via the MLHD<br>Hotline 1800<br>831 099.                                     |

MLHD will also be closing its Wagga Drive-through COVID Testing Clinic this Friday 5 November to enable the reopening of community sport.

As part of MLHD's testing surge capacity, a new drive-through will be opened if the need arises.

Testing in Wagga will continue as follows:

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| Wagga<br>Wagga | MLHD Testing Clinic<br>84-86 Murray St<br>(between the pharmacy and<br>the Australian Red Cross) | Open 7 Days<br>9.00am – 4.00pm   | Drop in or<br>book via<br>MLHD Hotline<br>1800 831 099     |
| Wagga<br>Wagga | GP-Led Respiratory Clinic<br>8 Tanda Place<br>Glenfield Park                                     | Monday – Friday<br>9.00am – 5.00pm   | Book online or<br>contact the<br>clinic at 02<br>6971 5000 |
| Wagga<br>Wagga | Laverty Pathology<br>Riverina Playhouse Carpark,<br>Tarcutta Street, entry via<br>Cross Street   | Monday – Thursday<br>8.00 am – 5.00pm<br><br>Friday<br>8.00am – 3.00pm<br><br>Saturday – Sunday<br>8.00am – 1.00pm | Drive through<br>Clinic, no<br>appointment<br>needed.      |

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

Venues of concern will be updated via the NSW Health website:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx>

The community is encouraged to stay up to date with venues of concern and follow the instructions provided under the 'Health Advice' section.

Venues of concern are locations considered to hold a greater risk to the community and may include testing and isolation requirements.

To see all case locations for NSW go to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/nsw-covid-19-case-locations/case-locations>