Monday 25 October 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – COVID-19 UPDATE

Murrumbidgee Local Health District continues to urge the community to get vaccinated against COVID-19 with 46 new cases recorded in our District to 8pm last night.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Of the 46 cases recorded in the MLHD to 8pm last night:
- 41 cases are residents of the Albury LGA
- One case are residents of the Greater Hume LGA
- One case is a resident of the Murrumbidgee LGA
- One case is a resident of Coolamon LGA
- One case is a resident of the Federation LGA
- One case is a resident of the Berrigan LGA

There has been a total of **348** cases and two deaths recorded in the MLHD since the start of the current outbreak. These include **261** in Albury LGA, 25 in Hilltops LGA, 15 in Edward River LGA, **18** in the Greater Hume LGA, **eight** in Murray River LGA, **seven** in Federation LGA, three in Wagga Wagga LGA, **seven** in Berrigan LGA, one in Griffith LGA, **two** in Coolamon LGA and **one** in Murrumbidgee LGA.

The two cases recorded for the Coolamon LGA are currently in isolation outside the MLHD and have not been in the community during their infectious period.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

As cases continue to grow in the Murrumbidgee LHD 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.

93.7% of residents in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District have now had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 79.1% are fully vaccinated.

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

There have been no further detections of COVID-19 in sewage in the past 24 hours.

As reported on Saturday, fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 have recently been detected in sewage in **Wagga Wagga (Kooringal)** and **Jerilderie**. 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.

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