

**DATE:** Wednesday, 14 July 2021

**SUBJECT:** Worker surveillance testing – Albion Park drive-through re-established

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In response to changes to the NSW Government's new [Public Health order around worker surveillance testing](#), as well as increased testing rates across the region in recent days, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) will re-establish a drive-through testing clinic at Albion Park starting **tomorrow, Thursday 15 July**.

The Southern IML clinic, at the Albion Park Showground, will be open 8am-4pm, seven days a week. Entry to the clinic will be via Tongarra Rd, next to the Rural Fire Service building.

Under the new rules around worker surveillance testing, workers from across Greater Sydney who work at locations more than 50km from the outer boundary of the Shellharbour, Wollongong, Wollondilly, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Central Coast LGAs must now be tested for COVID-19 every seven days, even if they do not have symptoms.

Workers have until 18 July to be tested. From 19 July, a worker must be tested every seven days to continue working more than 50 kilometres outside of Greater Sydney

It is important to remember, this surveillance testing program does not replace the usual screening, testing and isolation for people who have symptoms or have visited a venue/area of concern. Surveillance testing adds another layer of defence against the spread of COVID and is an addition to existing testing protocols.

People needing a test for any reason, including worker requirements, are reminded that there are numerous other clinics in the region, many of which are drive-throughs, such as the Port Kembla Pool testing clinic, which opened last week.

For an up-to-date list visit of every clinic in the region, visit the LHD's website <https://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/public-health-unit/infectious-diseases/covid-19-latest-advice-and-resources-6>

There are more than 380 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics> or contact your GP.

High testing numbers are vital in detecting cases of COVID-19 in order to prevent further transmission, and to keep our friends and families safe. We continue to urge anyone with even the mildest of symptoms to be tested immediately and isolate until a negative result is received. If symptoms appear again, be tested and isolate again.

Please check the [NSW Government website](#) regularly and follow the relevant health advice if you have attended a venue of concern or travelled on a public transport route at the same time as a confirmed case of COVID-19. This list is being updated regularly as case investigations proceed.

The community is also urged to stay up to date by following the [District's Facebook page](#) or the [NSW Health Facebook page](#) for important updates.