

# Media Release



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## HNELHD reports strong second day of testing

For the second day of increased COVID-19 testing in Moree, Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD) reported a positive turn-out and has thanked the community for continuing to come forward, with more than 800 tests carried out on Friday 11 June.

"After a great first day of testing in Moree, we had another positive turn-out yesterday which highlights the commitment of the local community to keep themselves and each other safe," said HNE LHD Chief Executive Mr Michael DiRienzo.

"On Friday we had much better weather and Moree Plains Shire Council were on-site at the hospital clinic to assist with traffic control, so everything ran very smoothly and we were able to test people as quickly and efficiently as possible," he said.

The Moree Hospital testing clinic together with the Laverty clinic carried out more than 800 tests by closing time last night.

The hospital clinic will continue to operate extended hours from 8am to 6pm, Saturday to Monday. No bookings are required for this clinic.

The Laverty Pathology drive through clinic, located at the Gateway Puma service station in Moree, will also operate from 9am to 3pm, Saturday to Monday, and the Pius X Aboriginal Medical Service will open from 9am to 5pm, Saturday to Monday.

"Over the past two days, the support from local private providers has been tremendous, and we will continue to work together over the weekend and public holiday to test as many people as possible," he said.

"We ask that the community continues to turn-out in high numbers to help us detect any cases in the community as early as possible."

"With the long weekend upon us, we ask that people do not gather with family or friends if they are unwell, remain vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms and get tested for even the mildest of symptoms," said Mr DiRienzo.

Symptoms can include fever, cough, breathing difficulties, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting and fatigue.

"It is essential that people do not dismiss their symptoms as a cold and present for testing to confirm it's not COVID-19," he said.

"We also appreciate the commitment of all the people who have been caught up as close contacts in Moree venues to remain in isolation for the 14 days since their potential contact with the Victorian confirmed cases."

Anyone who has visited the locations listed in NSW Health advice is urged to get tested immediately and follow the instructions related to the locations. For the latest information visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

To find local testing clinic locations and opening hours, visit the NSW Government website  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics>

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