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## New COVID-19 clinic in Lidcombe

Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) has opened a new COVID-19 clinic in Lidcombe the second in two days - to provide more testing options for local residents.

The latest drive-through clinic will be open from 9am to 5pm on Wednesday, and then every day from 8am to 5pm. The clinic is located at the Sydney University Cumberland Campus, 39 Weeroona Road, Lidcombe, and can be accessed via Gate 3.

Testing is free, all ages are welcome, and no booking or GP referral is required.

Anyone arriving for testing is advised to stay inside their vehicle at all times. Health staff follow strict infection control protocols for the safety of themselves and others.

The latest clinic follows the opening of a walk-in clinic outside the Berala Public School Hall (216 Harrow Road) on 5 January for identified close contacts of the Berala cluster.

Operating hours have also been extended across many western Sydney sites, including drive-through clinics at Merrylands Park and Auburn.

WSLHD acting Chief Executive Dr Emma McCahon said the District is committed to providing safe, easy and convenient access to testing for all who need it.

“We operate a combination of drive-through and walk-in clinics across the District to ensure everyone has easy access to testing.”

Dr McCahon thanked Sydney University, Cumberland City Council and other partners for their assistance in opening these new testing clinics.

WSLHD is working closely with Cumberland City Council and community leaders to communicate COVID-19 public health messages to the local community including appropriate translated materials.

There are now 28 testing clinics across Western Sydney Local Health District - find your nearest one [here](#). If the nearest testing clinic is busy, where possible, go to another clinic in the area to get tested quicker. Stay up to date with the latest COVID-19 news at the [NSW Health website](#).

If you have any symptoms, it is important you self-isolate and arrange to get tested. Symptoms of COVID-19 include a sore throat, cough, high temperature or unexplained tiredness.

To help protect yourself against COVID-19, exercise the following precautions:

- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water
- Avoid touching your face
- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distance from others in public

Face masks are now mandatory in indoor settings such as shopping (retail, supermarkets and shopping centres); public/shared transport; indoor entertainment (including cinemas and theatres); places of worship and hair and beauty premises. Face masks will be provided to people who are attending western Sydney testing clinics to receive a test.