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PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT: COVID-19 CASE UPDATES AND WARNINGS

21 cases of COVID-19 have now been linked to the cluster at the Crossroads Hotel - with an additional eight cases reported to noon today.

The additional cases include three cases who attended the hotel:

- a South West Sydney man in his 40s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July and contact with other cases in early July
- a South West Sydney woman in her 20s who was at the hotel on 3 July
- a South West Sydney man in his 30s who had dinner at the hotel and had contact with other cases in early July

Four cases who were close contacts of cases who went to the hotel are:

- two South West Sydney teenagers
- a South West Sydney child
- a South West Sydney man in his 30s

A further case who was an indirect contact of a hotel case:

- a South West Sydney woman in her 50s

The total 21 cases include cases announced previously who were at the hotel and include:

- a South West Sydney woman in her 30s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July
- a Blue Mountains man in his 50s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July
- a South Western Sydney teenager who worked at the hotel on several days including 3 July
- a South Western Sydney woman in her 40s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July
- a South Western Sydney man in his 40s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July
- a Victorian man in his 20s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July.
- a Sydney man in his 20s who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July.

Six close contacts of the cases above, but did not attend the hotel are:

- South West Sydney woman in her 60s
- a South West Sydney woman in her 30s
- a South Western Sydney child
- Three close contacts of the Blue Mountains man

NSW Health is urging anyone who attended the Crossroads Hotel at Casula between Friday 3 July and Friday 10 July to immediately self-isolate until 14 days after they were last there, attend a clinic for testing even if they have no symptoms, watch for symptoms and get retested should any respiratory symptoms occur. Even if you get a negative test stay in isolation for 14 days.

The pop-up clinic in the carpark of the Crossroads Hotel is open until 9pm today and will re-open earlier at 8.30am tomorrow. As this clinic is quite busy, people are asked to be patient and attend the other clinics where possible.

Testing is available at Liverpool, Campbelltown and Fairfield Hospitals at these locations:
https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/mediacentre/coronavirus/clinic_factsheet.pdf.

Testing is also available through GP clinics.

Several venues have been identified where cases attended while infectious or potentially infectious.

One of the cases also attended the gaming room at the Picton Hotel on 4, 5, 9 and 10 July. The hotel has been closed for cleaning. A pop-up clinic will also be operational at Picton tomorrow at Victoria Park, Menangle Road from 8.30am- 6pm.

NSW Health is urging people who were at the Picton Hotel on these days, especially those in the gaming room to also self-isolate for 14 days since they were last there, and to attend a clinic for testing even if they have no symptoms, watch for symptoms and get retested should any respiratory symptoms occur. Even if you get a negative test stay in isolation for 14 days.

Some confirmed cases linked to the Crossroads Hotel also separately visited the premises below on these dates and times:

- 6 to 10 July Planet Fitness Casula
- 4 July Star City Casino 20:00- 22:30hrs
- 4 July Canterbury Leagues Club 23:00- 01:00hrs
- 6 July Narellan Town Centre shopping town Kmart, Target, Best & Less, H&M and food court
- 27 June Zone Bowling Villawood 11 am to 3 pm.

Victoria Department of Health reports two Victorian cases separately attended several venues in NSW, including:

- 4 and 5 July Murray Downs Golf Club
- 5 July lunch at Cook @ Kurnell 11:30am -12:30 pm
- 5 July dinner at Highfield, Caringbah 6 – 9 pm
- 6 July dinner at the Merimbula RSL 6 - 9 pm
- 7 July breakfast at the Waterfront Café Merimbula 8:30-9:30 am

While investigations are underway, NSW Health urges anyone who attended these venues at these times must watch for respiratory symptoms or fever, and if they occur, isolate and get tested for COVID-19 right away.

It's essential that we all take the risk of transmission very seriously and take steps to protect ourselves and loved ones:

- If you have even mild symptoms, a cold or cough, get tested and stay home until you're cleared.
- Keep your distance from others at all times even if you are well.
- If you have been in Victoria, don't mix with other people until two weeks has passed.

People who work in high-risk settings such as health care facilities or aged care homes must not attend work if they have symptoms and must get tested immediately. People should also not visit relatives in these settings if they have even the mildest of symptoms or have recently returned from Victoria.