

## COVID-19 – Public Health Alert for General Practitioners in Western Sydney

*Please distribute this information to all staff in your practice*

- 1. SARS-CoV-2 virus has been detected in sewage in Rouse Hill**
- 2. This may represent undetected community transmission in the Rouse Hill catchment**
- 3. Test all patients with current or recent symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.**

### Situation update

SARS-CoV-2 virus was detected in sewage at the Rouse Hill treatment plant on 5 November.

This catchment services all or part of the following suburbs:

Quakers Hill, Castle Hill, Annangrove, Kellyville, Box Hill, Kenthurst, Glenhaven, The Ponds, Rouse Hill, North Kellyville, Kellyville Ridge, Beaumont Hills, Stanhope Gardens, Baulkham Hills, Glenwood, Bella Vista, Parklea, Acacia Gardens and Norwest.

It is important to quickly identify any undetected COVID-19 community transmission in the Rouse Hill catchment.

NSW Health is asking the community to be vigilant for symptoms and to come forward for testing.

### Test for COVID-19

Please test all patients:

- with current or recent symptoms suggestive of COVID-19. This includes mild symptoms such as loss of taste or smell.
- who request testing because of concerns about any current or recent symptoms.

### Where to get testing performed

COVID-19 clinic locations are listed at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx>

Testing criteria can be found at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-definition.aspx#testing>

For further information visit:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

or call the Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.



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