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PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT — GET TESTED AND ISOLATE UNTIL 14 DAYS AFTER YOU WERE AT THE CROSSROAD HOTEL

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 warning follows confirmation of an additional four cases of COVID-19 directly linked to the hotel.

The cases include:

- a South Western Sydney teenager who worked at the hotel on several days including 3 July
- a close contact of this worker, a South Western Sydney woman in her 50s
- a South Western Sydney woman in her 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

These four are in addition to the five previously reported cases in a woman in her 30s from South Western Sydney and a man in his 50s from the Blue Mountains who had dinner at the hotel on 3 July. This man's three household contacts have also been confirmed as positive for COVID-19.

The total number of cases linked to the hotel is nine.

None of these cases appear likely to have been the source of infection at the hotel.

NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant said anyone who either worked or visited the Crossroads Hotel from 3-10 July should isolate themselves for 14 days after they were last at the hotel, regardless of symptoms or test results, and be tested even if they are not displaying any symptoms.

“If you were at the Crossroads Hotel between 3 and 10 July you may be at risk of infection and you must isolate yourself to avoid spreading COVID-19 to others.

“While investigations are continuing, it is vital people get tested so we can try and establish the source of infection at the hotel. I encourage people to access a number of clinics at local hospitals at Campbelltown, Fairfield and Liverpool so people are tested as quickly as possible, Dr Chant said.

Additional staff have been deployed to the pop-up clinic at the Crossroads Hotel to expedite those people who wish to be tested there.

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.

The pop-up clinic in the carpark of the Crossroads Hotel is open until 5pm today. As this clinic is quite busy, people are asked to be patient and attend the other clinics where possible.

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 to 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.