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COVID-19 pop-up testing opening in Bankstown

Residents have testing available close to home with the opening of a drive through COVID-19 clinic at Bankstown Central Shopping Centre.

The clinic will be open from Tuesdays to Saturdays, 30 June to 11 July at Bankstown Central Shopping Centre, Via Lady Cutler Avenue car park.

Drive-through testing is available from 9.30am to 4pm. No bookings are required.

Drivers can pull up at the clinic with their licence and Medicare card in hand. They will then be ushered in for testing without leaving their car. Anyone in the vehicle can request to be tested.

An Arabic-speaking staff member will be at the clinic.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Director of Population Health Stephen Conaty encouraged anyone with even the mildest of symptoms to come forward for testing.

“We encourage anyone in our community with symptoms to visit our clinic or see their GP for testing,” Dr Conaty said.

“This is especially so if you have travelled to Melbourne in the last 14 days.”

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore or scratchy throat
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste.

“On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank everyone for staying home, supporting physical distancing and practising good hygiene to stop the spread of COVID-19.

“Pop-up clinics will continue to travel across the South Western Sydney Local Health District over the coming weeks.”

The NSW Government recently announced a \$2.3 billion health boost and economic stimulus package to help tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

NSW Health will receive \$800 million to assist in more than doubling ICU capacity, preparing for additional COVID-19 testing, purchasing additional ventilators and medical equipment, establishing acute respiratory clinics and bringing forward elective surgeries to private hospitals.

For more information and to keep up to date on the coronavirus visit www.health.nsw.gov.au.