



Friday 1 May 2020

### **COVID-19 RESPIRATORY CLINIC NOW OPEN IN ERINA**

The new COVID-19 Respiratory Clinic located in Erina will be open to the public from 10:30am today. This will providing Central Coast residents with a third clinic to be tested for COVID-19.

Local not-for-profit organisation, Central Coast Primary Care, will operate the clinic from the grounds of the EV Church, at 331 Terrigal Drive, Erina.

The clinic will be led by local GP's and supported by experienced nursing and administration staff, with the capacity to test over 100 patients per day.

Federal Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks said, "Having the new COVID-19 Respiratory Clinic open up in Erina will provide a third testing clinic, along with Gosford and Wyong Hospital for residents across the Central Coast to attend if they feel as though they need to be tested."

"On the Central Coast we are currently testing 110 people a day. With this new clinic we will be able to almost double our daily testing rate."

"The higher the testing rates, the more confident we can be that 'community transmission' is under control," Ms Wicks said.

Michelle Bradbury, CEO of Central Coast Primary Care, said she is proud to bring this service to the local community. "We know that testing for COVID-19 is important to help protect our community and I am pleased with the positive response we have already received from the local community about the clinic."

The clinic is free to attend. Tests will be conducted for people who show mild to moderate symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath, those who come in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case and health care workers who may require a COVID-19 test.

People with severe symptoms are encouraged to consult their usual GP or attend the local emergency department.

It is expected that test results will be made available within 24-48 hours. People will be contacted by the GP if a positive result is received, or via text message if a negative result is received.



**LUCY WICKS MP**  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR **ROBERTSON**



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

The Erina clinic will be open from 10:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Sunday. Bookings are required and can be made at Central Coast Primary Care's website, [www.ccpc.com.au](http://www.ccpc.com.au), or by calling the Clinic on 0435 813 865.

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