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Brighton Council thanks Tasmanians for COVID response

Brighton Mayor Leigh Gray has thanked the local community, the State Government and the Department of Health for their rapid and effective response to the recent COVID-19 scare.

Mr Gray's comments come after Premier Peter Gutwein announced the lifting of the three-day snap lockdown in southern Tasmania.

"On behalf of my fellow councillors and council staff, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to the people of our community for their response to the recent snap lockdown," Mayor Gray said.

"The local testing and vaccination over the past few days and compliance with lockdown and health regulations has been exceptional.

"The way that everyone behaved over the last few days, demonstrates what a resilient, caring and responsible community we have here."

Mayor Gray also thanked the State Government for its swift response and clear communication as well as staff from the Department of Health for their tireless work.

"The Government and Department of Health deserve immense credit.

"Their quick and decisive action over the past few days has most likely helped us all avoid a serious health crisis which could have had serious consequences for everyone in Tasmania.

"Today is not a day to dwell on the poor behaviour of one person whose selfish actions led to this lockdown.

"Today is a day to focus on how strong we are together, how caring we are and how willing we are to work together to protect and support one another. We can all be proud of that."

Mayor Gray reminded everyone that people in southern Tasmania would be required to continue wearing face masks when leaving home until at least Friday this week.

"I also encourage anyone who still isn't to get vaccinated as soon as possible and if they have any symptoms to get tested immediately."

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