



COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 9 February 2023 there are 797 active COVID-19 cases in 150 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 51 new outbreaks, 9 new resident deaths and 651 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 3 February 2023.

Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 9 February 2023¹

Category	Active ²	Previous 7 days	Cumulative Total	Previous 7 days
Outbreaks ³	150	-40	12,889	51
Residential Aged Care Facilities affected	150	-40	2,805	2
Resident Cases ⁴	570	-209	128,417	439
Resident Deaths	N/A	N/A	5,075	9
Staff Cases	227	-52	79,690	212

Residential aged care homes with active outbreaks are included in Appendix 1.

Table 2: Overview of Active Outbreaks in Australia

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Total Facilities with outbreaks	0	49	3	42	15	2	20	19	150
Total number of active resident cases	0	203	16	115	59	10	78	89	570
Total number of active staff cases	0	69	5	86	17	2	25	23	227
Total Outbreaks Opened in Previous 7 Days	0	19	1	13	5	1	7	5	51
Total Outbreaks Closed in Previous 7 Days	2	38	1	21	10	0	9	10	91

¹ Outbreak opening and closure includes changes in the status of exposure sites to outbreaks (and vice versa), which are applied retrospectively to facility records. New case information can also change the status of a recovered site back to an active outbreak site. As a result, changes in active outbreak status may not align with day on day variations to active totals. These adjustments will also affect the number of cases in staff and residents reported each week.

² Active residents and staff cases are the total currently positive cases in active outbreaks

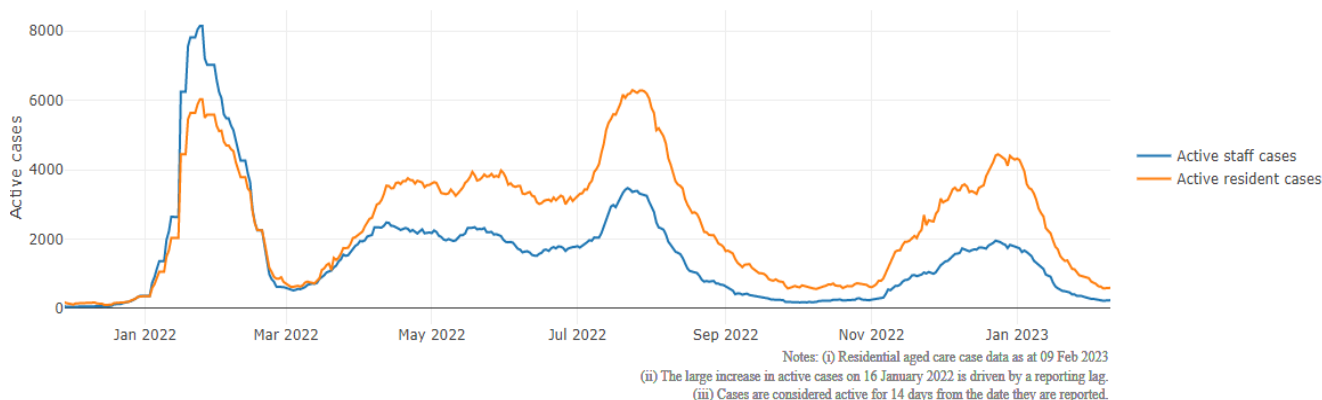
³ An outbreak is considered to be active pending advice from the relevant Public Health Unit. An outbreak is defined as at least 1 positive case in a resident or 2+ cases in staff.

⁴ Case numbers and numbers of deaths are dependent upon reporting from facilities and validation of deaths from state and territory governments. This is subject to change as further information is provided.

Figure 1: National Outbreak Trends in Aged Care



Figure 2: Trends in Aged Care Cases – November 2021 to Present



Mortality

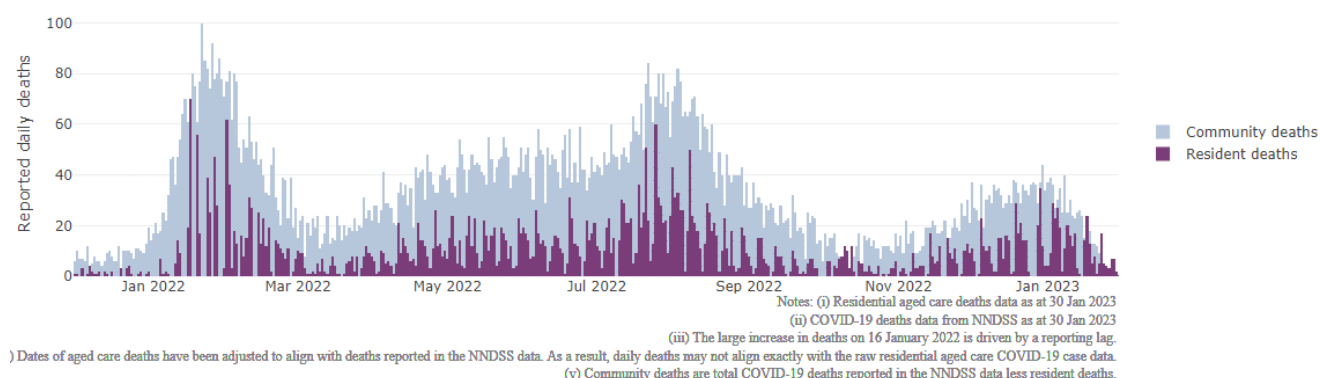
For the period of 1 January 2022 to 3 February 2023, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 6.1 per cent of all deaths in permanent residents in aged care facilities.

Since the beginning of the Omicron outbreak in late November 2021, there have been 73,648 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 29 November 2021 to 3 February 2023)⁵. COVID-19 deaths account for 5.7 per cent of this figure.

Over the course of the pandemic, all-cause excess mortality in Residential Aged Care was below expected numbers in 2020, and within expected range in 2021.

⁵ The Department is now accessing aged care deaths data from the SIEBEL dataset. Figures are live and subject to change. Source: Department of Health and Aged Care unpublished data / SIEBEL dataset.

Figure 3: COVID-19 Deaths in Residential Aged Care Facilities overlaid with Community deaths



Workforce in active residential aged care outbreaks

As at 10 February 2023, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 161,530 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 499 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 10 February) surge workforce providers have assisted 15 residential aged care homes. These shifts include roles for GPs, nurses, care workers, allied health workers, executive and ancillary staff. This includes:

Table 3: Workforce resources supplied to residential aged care facilities

Workforce provider	Total Shifts	Previous 7 days
Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association	101,068	167
Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge)	13,533	15
Healthcare Australia (NACER)	2,295	N/A
Mable	2,711	N/A
Aspen Medical	21,368	0
HealthX	16,499	317
Torrens	4,056	N/A

The Australian Defence Force provided support to a total of 542 residential aged care homes between February and September 2022. The ADF deployment ceased on 30 September 2022.

Oral antiviral treatments

Distribution of the oral anti-viral Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) commenced on 6 February 2022 to all RACFs with outbreak sites prioritised for delivery. The National Medical Stockpile has deployed 48,269 treatment courses of Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) to aged care facilities.

52,186 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 2,770 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 5 February 2023.

Vaccination in Residential Aged Care Facilities

The Australian Government's COVID-19 vaccination program is delivering in-reach vaccine

services for aged care residents and workers across Australia, through Commonwealth vaccine providers, primary care and self-vaccination services by aged care providers.

The Government continues to provide all residential aged care facilities with access to COVID vaccination clinics to ensure residents have every opportunity to get their fourth dose. As at 10 February 2023, there are currently 157,867 residents eligible for fourth doses. In total 135,211 residents (85.6% of eligible residents) have received a fourth dose.

As at 3 February 2023, a total of 638,406 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to residents in residential aged care facilities. Information is now received from the Australian Immunisation Register, meaning reported numbers may differ from previous reports. Information from the Australian Immunisation Register provides a more accurate representation of residents currently in residential aged care.

Residential aged care fourth dose vaccination summary									
	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT
Total residents who have received a fourth dose	135,211	42,857	36,849	26,226	11,529	12,173	3,398	330	1,849
Percentage against total residents*	75.7%	74.7%	79.8%	72.8%	74.8%	73.6%	77.2%	70.7%	81.9%
Percentage against eligible residents (interval only)**	83.1%	81.6%	86.5%	81.6%	82.9%	81.2%	85.0%	81.5%	87.5%
Percentage against eligible residents (interval and case overlay)***	85.6%	84.6%	88.6%	83.7%	86.4%	83.6%	87.2%	85.9%	89.0%

Sources: Aged care AIR data as at 09 February 2023, AIR mapping file for residents in permanent residential RACFs as at 2 September 2022, Aged care COVID-19 case data is sourced from:

- The Aged Care COVID-19 Response and Preparedness Section of the Service Delivery Division, Ageing and Aged Care Group prior to 16 January 2022.
- The AUS-CAIRS COVID-19 Aged Care Incidents Response System between 16 January 2022 and 8 February 2023.
- My Aged Care Portal (MACP) from 28 February 2022 to 8 February 2023

* Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (*this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents*) total residents in Commonwealth funded positions in residential aged care facilities

** Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (*this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents*) over total residents who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over 3 months ago (*this may include the third primary course dose for severely immunocompromised residents*)

*** Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (*this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents*) over total residents who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over 3 months ago with case overlay applied (*this may include the third primary course dose for severely immunocompromised residents*). Eligible residents have been reduced by an estimate of the number of COVID cases in the facility. The number of cases is calculated by the number of cases self-reported through AUS-CAIRS over the last 90 days adjusted by the fourth dose vaccination rate in a facility (percentage by eligible residents).

Infection control and audits

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Commission) conducts a range of site and non-site activities to monitor and assess residential aged care services, including site audits and assessment contacts (site and non-site) (see Table 5 below). In August 2020, the Commission commenced an infection control monitoring (ICM) spot check program in all Australian jurisdictions.

The ICM spot check program involves on-site visits to residential aged care services, without an outbreak, to check compliance with personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection control arrangements. The purpose of the ICM spot check is to observe infection control

practices, to ensure that staff, management and visitors were adhering to safe personal protective equipment protocols and to safe infection control arrangements as required under the quality standards.

As at 9 February 2023, the Commission had conducted 4,376 ICM spot checks to observe infection control practices and PPE protocols in residential aged care facilities.

Table 5: Total Quality Assessment and Monitoring Activities with residential services (including IPC), by type and month 1 March 2020 to 9 February 2022

Regulatory Activities	2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (to 9 Feb 2023)	Total
Site visits	318	3,452	1,733	1,801	7,304
Non-site activities	3,709	8,382	6,594	1,181	19,866
Total activities	4,027	11,834	8,327	2,982	27,170

Appendix 1: National residential aged care services with Active outbreaks COVID-19

Please note, information reported in this table has been directly reported to the Department of Health and Aged Care by residential aged care facilities. Total cases refers to all staff and resident cases associated with the active outbreak and may not reflect the count of currently active cases. Where numbers have been incorrectly reported, facilities are able to correct these in the COVID-19 Support Portal through My Aged Care. Where a facility is reporting less than six resident or staff cases or less than six deaths, data has been suppressed to protect the privacy of affected individuals (note that “n/p” indicates data is not provided to protect privacy).

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Incidents
Anglican Care Bishop Tyrrell Place	New South Wales	<6	33	22	55
Aurrum Wyoming	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Bathurst Riverview Care Community	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Bayview Treetops Care Community	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
BlueWave Living	New South Wales	0	13	<6	n/p
Brian King Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bupa Bankstown	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bupa Waratah	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
Byron Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
CASS Residential Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	14	<6	n/p
Catholic Healthcare St Joseph's Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Concord Community Hostel	New South Wales	0	6	0	6
Constitution Hill Aged Care	New South Wales	0	8	<6	n/p
Cooee Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	8
Dougherty Villa	New South Wales	0	22	24	46
Feros Village Bangalow	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Gillawarna Village	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Greenhill Manor	New South Wales	0	12	<6	n/p
HammondCare - Horsley	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
HammondCare - Leighton Lodge	New South Wales	<6	22	<6	n/p
Haydays Retirement Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Heritage Kingswood	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6

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Hill View House Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Leigh Place	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
MacKillop House	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Mareeba Aged Care	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
Mary Potter Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	6	0	6
McLean Care Mackellar Alkira Campus	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Moran Kellyville	New South Wales	<6	59	17	76
Our Lady Of Consolation Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Pembroke Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Pemulwuy Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Peninsula Villages Ltd	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Randwick Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Regis Hurstville	New South Wales	0	29	7	36
RFBI Basin View Masonic Village	New South Wales	<6	<6	0	<6
Southern Cross Care Marian Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	14	10	24
St Vincent's Care Services Haberfield	New South Wales	0	12	<6	n/p
Stanmore Place Care Community	New South Wales	<6	34	7	41
The Whiddon Group - Glenfield	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
The Whiddon Group - Grafton	New South Wales	0	8	<6	n/p
Tingira Hills Care Community	New South Wales	<6	23	<6	n/p
Uniting Edinglassie Emu Plains	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting Kamilaroi Lane Cove	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting Narla Belmont North	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Uniting Narla Belmont North	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Uniting Pacifica Nambucca Heads	New South Wales	0	14	<6	n/p
Wahroonga House	New South Wales	<6	<6	12	n/p
Yallabee Village	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Flynn Lodge	Northern Territory	0	9	<6	n/p

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Hetti Perkins	Northern Territory	0	48	18	66
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Anam Cara	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
Arcare Eight Mile Plains	Queensland	0	13	<6	n/p
Arcare North Lakes	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Arcare Parkwood	Queensland	0	20	<6	n/p
Arcare Peregrian Springs	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Arcare Sanctuary Manors	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Arcare Taigum	Queensland	0	8	<6	n/p
Beuaraba Lodge	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
Bolton Clarke Cazna Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Bupa Cairns	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Bupa Glenvale	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Carinity Kepnock Grove	Queensland	<6	7	<6	n/p
Carinity Shalom	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Churches of Christ Gracehaven Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	17	22	39
Churches of Christ Lady Small Haven Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	<6	<6	8
Churches of Christ Little Mountain Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	<6	<6	7
Francis Of Assisi Home	Queensland	0	7	0	7
Immanuel Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Infinite Care Mount Lofty	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
NewDirection Care at Bellmere	Queensland	0	0	7	7
Newstead Grand Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
North Lakes Terrace Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Ozcare Malanda	Queensland	0	7	7	14
Ozcare Villa Vincent	Queensland	<6	50	33	83
Parkview	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
PM Aged Care	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6

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Pyramid Residential Care Centre	Queensland	0	<6	<6	8
Regis Kuluin	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Yeronga	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Riverview Gardens Aged Care Plus Centre	Queensland	0	9	<6	n/p
Southern Cross Care Allora - Homestead	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Southern Cross Care Taroom - Leichhardt Villa	Queensland	0	<6	<6	7
St Pauls	Queensland	<6	16	<6	n/p
St Vincent's Care Carina	Queensland	<6	27	12	39
St Vincent's Care Services Arundel	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Bardon	Queensland	<6	<6	0	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Toowoomba - Hostel	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
The Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Queensland	0	<6	12	n/p
The Terraces Assisted Aged Care	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
TriCare Bundaberg Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
TriCare Stafford Lakes Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Wheller Gardens - Cooper House	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
AnglicareSA Elizabeth - Dutton Court	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Clayton Church Homes - Magill	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Estia Health Burton	South Australia	0	10	<6	n/p
Gaynes Park Manor	South Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Helping Hand Aged Care - Golden Grove	South Australia	0	19	6	25
Helping Hand Aged Care - Parafield Gardens	South Australia	0	10	0	10
Helping Hand Aged Care - Rotary House	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
LHI Hope Valley	South Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
Regis Marleston	South Australia	<6	13	<6	n/p
Rembrandt Court	South Australia	0	45	29	74
Renmark & Paringa District Hospital Hostel	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Resthaven Marion	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6

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Reynella Lodge	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged	South Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Wesley House	South Australia	0	20	<6	n/p
Regis Tasmania - Legana	Tasmania	<6	55	12	67
Uniting AgeWell Lillian Martin	Tasmania	0	6	<6	n/p
Avonlea	Victoria	0	9	7	16
Banfields Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Centennial Lodge	Victoria	0	15	<6	n/p
Chelsea Lodge Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Churches of Christ Oak Towers Aged Care Service	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Embracia Moonee Valley	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Hesse Rural Health Service Nursing Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Japara The Highbury	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Luson Bloom	Victoria	0	30	<6	n/p
Melbourne Hebrew Memorial Nursing Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
R. M. Begg Kyneton Aged Care	Victoria	<6	26	<6	n/p
Rathdowne Place	Victoria	0	20	<6	n/p
Regis Armadale	Victoria	0	<6	<6	7
Rose Lodge	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
Villa Maria Catholic Homes St Catherine's Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Water Gardens	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Whittlesea Lodge	Victoria	0	38	13	51
Wintringham McLean Lodge Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Woods Point Aged Care	Victoria	0	13	<6	n/p
Woorayl Lodge Hostel	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
Aegis Parkview	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Alfred Cove Care Community	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Baptistcare Graceford	Western Australia	0	18	<6	n/p

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Bethanie Geneff	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Dalwallinu MPS	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Esperance Aged Care Facility	Western Australia	0	11	16	27
Howard Solomon Aged Care Facility	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Karinya Residential Care	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Kungkarrangkalpa Aged Care Service	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Lady McCusker Home	Western Australia	0	7	0	7
Murdoch Gardens Care Community	Western Australia	0	9	<6	n/p
Nazareth House Geraldton	Western Australia	<6	11	<6	n/p
Regents Garden Aubin Grove	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Bunbury	Western Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Regis Nedlands	Western Australia	0	37	<6	n/p
Regis Woodlands	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Second Avenue Hostel	Western Australia	0	11	9	20
SwanCare Waminda	Western Australia	0	57	18	75
The 2nd Avenue Nursing Home	Western Australia	0	13	9	22