



COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 16 February 2023 there are 920 active COVID-19 cases in 142 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 59 new outbreaks, 16 new resident deaths and 808 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 9 February 2023.

Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 16 February 2023¹

Category	Active ²	Previous 7 days	Cumulative Total	Previous 7 days
Outbreaks ³	142	4	12,954	59
Residential Aged Care Facilities affected	142	4	2,805	0
Resident Cases ⁴	666	118	128,997	578
Resident Deaths	N/A	N/A	5,088	16
Staff Cases	254	35	79,915	230

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	45	1	44	15	1	23	13	142
Total number of active resident cases	0	211	4	199	84	17	118	33	666
Total number of active staff cases	0	72	4	94	28	9	34	13	254
Total Outbreaks Opened in Previous 7 Days	0	20	0	16	6	0	11	6	59
Total Outbreaks Closed in Previous 7 Days	0	19	1	9	6	1	7	12	55

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

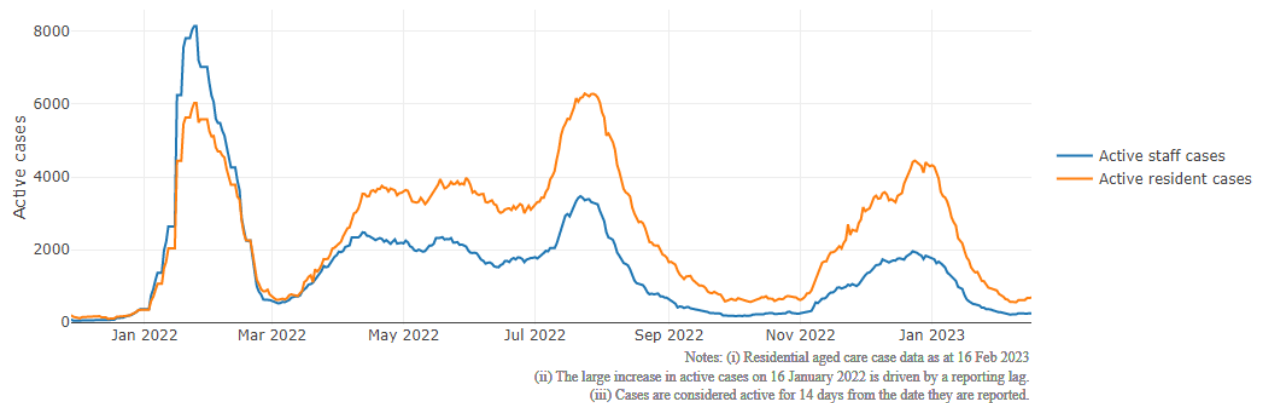
³ An outbreak is considered to be active pending advice from the relevant Public Health Unit. An outbreak is defined as at least 1 positive case in a resident or 2+ cases in staff.

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

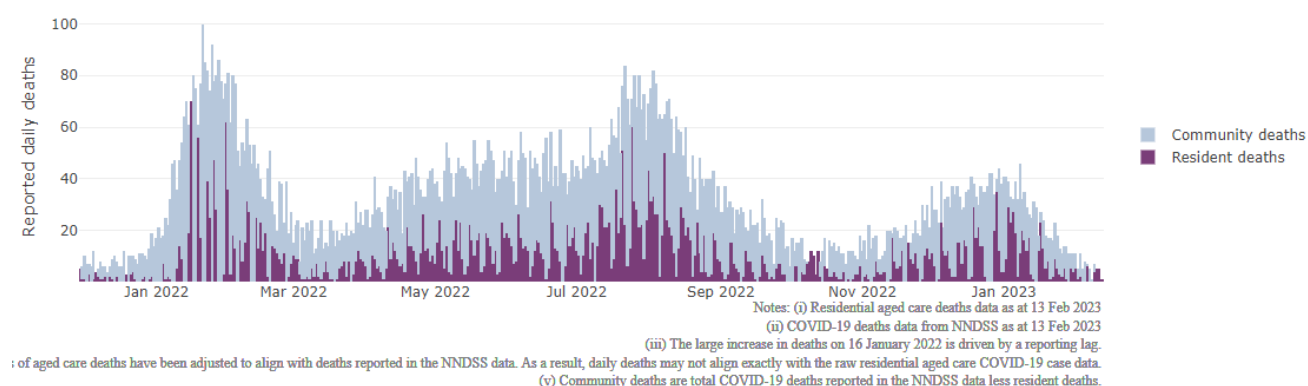
For the period of 1 January 2022 to 13 February 2023, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 6.0 per cent of all deaths in permanent residents in aged care facilities.

Since the beginning of the Omicron outbreak in late November 2021, there have been 74,970 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 29 November 2021 to 13 February 2023)⁵. COVID-19 deaths account for 5.6 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 17 February 2023, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 161,902 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 372 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 17 February) surge workforce providers have assisted 12 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	101,112	44
Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge)	13,536	3
Healthcare Australia (NACER)	2,295	N/A
Mable	2,711	N/A
Aspen Medical	21,395	27
HealthX	16,797	298
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.

52,810 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 2,860 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 12 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 17 February 2023, there are currently 158,126 residents eligible for fourth doses. In total 135,281 residents (85.6% of eligible residents) have received a fourth dose.

As at 17 February 2023, a total of 638,492 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	135,281	42,880	36,872	26,233	11,539	12,179	3,398	330	1,850
Percentage against total residents*	75.7%	74.8%	79.8%	72.8%	74.9%	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%	81.1%	87.5%
Percentage against eligible residents (interval and case overlay)***	85.6%	84.5%	88.4%	83.7%	86.2%	83.6%	87.2%	85.6%	89.0%

Sources: Aged care AIR data as at 16 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:

- (a) The Aged Care COVID-19 Response and Preparedness Section of the Service Delivery Division, Ageing and Aged Care Group prior to 16 January 2022.
- (b) The AUS-CAIRS COVID-19 Aged Care Incidents Response System between 16 January 2022 and 15 February 2023.
- (c) My Aged Care Portal (MACP) from 28 February 2022 to 15 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*)

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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 16 February 2023, the Commission had conducted 4,397 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 16 February 2022

Regulatory Activities	2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (to 16 Feb 2023)	Total
Site visits	318	3,452	1,733	1,878	7,381
Non-site activities	3,709	8,382	6,609	1,176	19,876
Total activities	4,027	11,834	8,342	3,054	27,257

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
Alexander Aged Care	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Ashburn House Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	7	0	7
Aurum Erina	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Aurum Kincumber	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
BaptistCare Coominda Court	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bayview Treetops Care Community	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
Bupa Waratah	New South Wales	0	18	8	26
Catholic Healthcare George Mockler Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Catholic Healthcare St Joseph's Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	6	n/p
Chamberlain Gardens Aged Care	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
Cooee Lodge	New South Wales	0	8	<6	n/p
Denhams Beach Care Community	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
Dougherty Villa	New South Wales	0	28	27	55
Estia Health Epping - The Poplars	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Estia Health Taree	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Estia Health Tuncurry	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
Fairlea Aged Care @ Penshurst	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Feros Village Bangalow	New South Wales	0	10	<6	n/p
Florence Price Gardens	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
HammondCare - Horsley	New South Wales	0	8	6	14
HammondCare - Leighton Lodge	New South Wales	<6	24	<6	n/p
Haydays Retirement Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Heritage Queanbeyan	New South Wales	0	16	6	22

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Hill View House Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Illawarra Multi-Cultural Village Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Mareeba Aged Care	New South Wales	0	13	<6	n/p
Mary Potter Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Our Lady Of Consolation Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Pembroke Lodge	New South Wales	0	19	<6	n/p
Peninsula Villages Ltd	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Randwick Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	32	6	38
Regis Hurstville	New South Wales	0	29	7	36
Remembrance Village	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
RFBI Berry Masonic Village	New South Wales	<6	<6	<6	8
RFBI Moonbi Masonic Village - Moonby	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Southern Cross Care Marian Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	14	11	25
St Basil's Lakemba	New South Wales	0	8	<6	n/p
St Lukes Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Haberfield	New South Wales	<6	14	6	20
The Whiddon Group - Grafton	New South Wales	0	8	<6	n/p
Uniting St Columba's Lane Cove	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Wahroonga House	New South Wales	<6	<6	15	n/p
Wenonah Lodge	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Flynn Lodge	Northern Territory	0	13	<6	n/p
Arcare North Lakes	Queensland	0	8	<6	n/p
Arcare Parkwood	Queensland	0	20	<6	n/p
Arcare Peregrin Springs	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Arcare Taigum	Queensland	0	8	<6	n/p
Ashmore Gardens Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Blue Care Redcliffe Aged Care Facility	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Bolton Clarke Cazna Gardens	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Bolton Clarke Westhaven	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6

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Bupa Cairns	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
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	9	15
Estia Health Albany Creek	Queensland	0	41	0	41
Estia Health Pacific Paradise	Queensland	<6	21	9	30
Francis Of Assisi Home	Queensland	0	15	<6	n/p
Good Shepherd Lodge	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Immanuel Gardens	Queensland	0	12	<6	n/p
Infinite Care Mount Lofty	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Lions Haven For The Aged	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Lodges on George	Queensland	0	6	<6	n/p
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
North Rockhampton Nursing Centre	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Ozcare Malanda	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
Parklands Aged Care Facility & Retirement Village	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
Parkview	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Peninsula Palms Retirement Village	Queensland	<6	<6	<6	6
Pyramid Residential Care Centre	Queensland	0	<6	<6	8
Redland Residential Care Facility	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Regis Ferny Grove	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Gatton	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Riverview Gardens Aged Care Plus Centre	Queensland	0	16	7	23
Sinamon Village - Kentish Court	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Southern Cross Care Allora - Homestead	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Southern Cross Care Chinchilla - Illoura Village	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6

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Southern Cross Care Stretton Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Southern Cross Care Taroom - Leichhardt Villa	Queensland	0	<6	<6	7
St Vincent's Care Carina	Queensland	<6	39	13	52
St Vincent's Care Services Toowoomba - Hostel	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
The Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Queensland	0	<6	14	n/p
TriCare Stafford Lakes Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Village Coorparoo Aged Care	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Wheller Gardens - Cooper House	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Aboriginal Elders Village	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Estia Health Burton	South Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
Estia Health Salisbury	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Gaynes Park Manor	South Australia	<6	9	<6	n/p
Helping Hand Aged Care - Doreen Bond House	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Helping Hand Aged Care - Rotary House	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Brighton	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Trevu House	South Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
LHI Hope Valley	South Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
McCracken Views Residential Care	South Australia	0	20	<6	n/p
Parkrose Village	South Australia	0	14	6	20
Rembrandt Court	South Australia	0	45	29	74
Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged	South Australia	0	22	11	33
Warrina Court Residential Aged Care Service	South Australia	0	<6	<6	7
Wesley House	South Australia	0	20	<6	n/p
Uniting AgeWell Lillian Martin	Tasmania	0	11	9	20
Allambee Nursing Home Kingston Centre	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Avonlea	Victoria	0	12	7	19
Baptcare Abbey Gardens Community	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Bethel Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6

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Casey Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Centennial Lodge	Victoria	0	26	7	33
Churches of Christ Oak Towers Aged Care Service	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Gibson Street Complex	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
GraniteHill Aged Care	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Hesse Rural Health Service Nursing Home	Victoria	0	7	<6	n/p
Highwood Court	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Hope Aged Care Brunswick	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Japara The Highbury	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Mekong Cairnlea Vietnamese Aged Care	Victoria	0	11	<6	n/p
Olivet Aged Persons Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Outlook Gardens Aged Care	Victoria	0	24	6	30
R. M. Begg Kyneton Aged Care	Victoria	<6	29	6	35
Talbot Place Aged Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Uniting AgeWell Condare Court	Victoria	0	12	<6	n/p
Villa Maria Catholic Homes St Catherine's Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
Water Gardens	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
Whittlesea Lodge	Victoria	0	46	14	60
Woods Point Aged Care	Victoria	0	17	<6	n/p
Woorayl Lodge Hostel	Victoria	0	14	<6	n/p
Aegis Amherst	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Aegis Montgomery	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
Brightwater Inglewood	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Brightwater The Cove	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Carnarvon MPS	Western Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Dalwallinu MPS	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	6
Esperance Aged Care Facility	Western Australia	0	12	19	31

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Juniper Sarah Hardey	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Marine Views Cottlesloe	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Moline House	Western Australia	0	6	0	6
Regis Nedlands	Western Australia	0	44	13	57
Regis Port Coogee	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	6