Common Operating Picture 2.0

12 May 2023

COVIDSAFE

Legend	
Maintain. Monitor and Report	(green)
Targeted Adjustments / In progress	(yellow)
Harder, Wider, Different Response / Work in progress	(red)
No Associated Threshold	(grey)

		National	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA
Cases and priority populations	New cases per 100,000 population in the past 14 days[1]	240	379	298	155	149	283	279	201	283
	New cases in regional and remote areas per 100,000 population in the last 14 days[1]	176	N/A	189	146	101	185	214	223	298
	New cases in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people per 100,000 population in the past 14 days[1]	196	134	257	103	152	174	225	228	167
TTIQ raw indicators	Percent of PCR tests positive for SARS-CoV-2 in the past 7 days^	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.37	8.37	9.47	3.33	5.37	7.94
	Mean PCR tests per 1,000 population per day in the past 7 days^	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2
	Percent of symptomatic cases PCR tested within 2 days of symptom onset in the past 7 days&	Not available								
	Percent of positive PCR tests notified to health department within 1 day of specimen collection in the past 7 days	93	97	92	61	95	97	81	96	100
Modelled epidemic activity	Effective reproductive number[2]	N/A	1.03	1.01	0.90	0.98	1.06	0.94	1.08	0.96
	Final state-wide transmission potential (TP) for SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant of concern incorporating current settings, behaviours, vaccination levels and infection-acquired immunity[3]	N/A	0.86	1.02	1.29	1.26	1.07	0.99	1.06	0.90
	Percent of TP for SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant reduced through vaccination and prior infection[4]	N/A	46%	19%	34%	28%	43%	44%	12%	45%
	Percent of TP reduced through TTIQ	Not available								
Outbreaks	Number of resident cases reported in RACF in the past 7 days[5]	1,535	16	611	0	240	130	22	320	198
	Change in total active outbreaks in RACFs in the past 7 days	15	1	5	0	0	5	0	1	3
Clinical Capacity	Total COVID-19 patients in ICU/HDU and % occupancy (today/week prior)[6]	69 (3%) | 71 (3%)	2 (4%) | 3 (7%)	29 (3%) | 33 (4%)	2 (7%) | 0 (0%)	6 (2%) | 1 (0%)	6 (3%) | 9 (5%)	0 (0%) | 0 (0%)	24 (4%) | 25 (4%)	0 (0%) | 0 (0%)
	Paediatric COVID-19 patients in ICU/HDU and % occupancy (today/week prior)[6]	4 (3%) | 1 (1%)	0 (0%) | 0 (0%)	2 (5%) | 1 (2%)	0 (0%) | 0 (0%)	0 (0%) | 0 (0%)	0 (0%) | 0 (0%)	0 (0%) | 0 (0%)	2 (7%) | 0 (0%)	0 (0%) | 0 (0%)
	Hospital ward beds occupied by COVID-19 and % occupancy (today/week prior)[6]	2161 (3%) | 2297 (4%)	31 (3%) | 34 (3%)	1235 (5%) | 1272 (5%)	10 (1%) | 24 (3%)	249 (2%) | 321 (2%)	123 (4%) | 101 (4%)	20 (1%) | 24 (1%)	278 (2%) | 317 (2%)	215 (3%) | 204 (3%)
Vaccination	Percentage of RACF residents who have received primary doses (c.f. week prior) Primary dose – dose 1 and dose 2[8]	98% (+0%)	98.9% (+0.1%)	98.2% (+0%)	98.8% (+2.0%)	98.0% (+0%)	97.0% (-0.1%)	98.5% (+0.3%)	98.2% (-0.1%)	97.4% (+0.1%)
	Percentage of NDIS participants in residential accommodation fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)[7]	88.6% (+0.1%)	88.7% (+0.1%)	89.8% (0%)	75.3% (-0.5%)	87.5% (+0.1%)	87.9% (-0.1%)	87.2% (0%)	89.3% (+0.2%)	88.0% (-0.2%)
	Percentage of RACF workers who have received primary doses (c.f. week prior) Primary dose – dose 1 and dose 2[8]	99.9% (0.0%)	100% (0%)	99.7% (0%)	100% (0%)	100% (0%)	100% (0%)	100% (0%)	100% (0%)	100% (0%)
	Percentage of NDIS screened workers fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)[7]	95.8% (+0.1%)	99.6% (0%)	95.3% (+0.2%)	95.4% (0%)	97.0% (0%)	94.9% (0%)	95.9% (0%)	95.7% (0%)	94.9% (0%)
	Number and percent of SA4 regions above 70% fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)[9]	89 (100%) | +0 (0%)	1 (100%) | +0 (0%)	28 (100%) | +0 (0%)	2 (100%) | +0 (0%)	19 (100%) | +0 (0%)	7 (100%) | +0 (0%)	4 (100%) | +0 (0%)	17 (100%) | +0 (0%)	10 (100%) | +0 (0%)
	Number and percent of SA4 regions above 80% fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)[9]	83 (93.26%) | +0 (0%)	1 (100%) | +0 (0%)	27 (96.43%) | +0 (0%)	1 (50%) | +0 (0%)	18 (94.74%) | +0 (0%)	7 (100%) | +0 (0%)	4 (100%) | +0 (0%)	16 (94.12%) | +0 (0%)	9 (90%) | +0 (0%)

Please refer to page 2 for further details, resources and additional footnotes

Data presented are as at 10 May 2023

1. Data is based on Notifications to NNDSS up to 9 May 2023, data extracted on 11 May 2023.
2. Estimates are based on near-complete case data, the date of which varies according to the estimated delay from symptom onset to reporting. Estimates for all jurisdictions, except NSW, are presented for varying dates between 20 April to 23 April 2023. Estimates for NSW are as at 15 April 2023.
3. TP calculated for the Omicron BA.4/5 subvariants based off assumption of 50% case ascertainment. Final state-wide TP estimates presented are as at 12 July 2022.
4. Estimated percentage reduction in transmission due to combined impact of vaccines and infection induced immunity for the Omicron BA.4/5 subvariants based off assumption of 50% case ascertainment since December 2021 up to 9 November 2022 for all jurisdictions.
5. From 28 February 2022 the Commonwealth Government's collection methodology has changed from Case Manager input to aged care provider service self-reporting via the My Aged Care portal. This is likely to result in greater clarity regarding classification of outbreaks and case numbers which will impact on reported figures.
6. Clinical capacity indicators refer to use of clinical resources and staff and should not be used to indicate severity of illness. Values may not align exactly with other jurisdictional reporting on related metrics.
7. NDIS participant final data presented as at 28 March 2023. NDIS Worker final data presented as at 9 October 2022.
8. Final data presented as at 16 August 2022 (c.f. 9 August 2022).
9. Final data presented as at 20 September 2022 (c.f. 13 September 2022)

Common Operating Picture – Additional details, resources and additional footnotes

Traffic light classification for case rates and thresholds

Metric	Green	Amber	Red

New cases per 100,000 population in the past 14 days	• Rate only to be presented with no colour
	• The indicator needs to be considered alongside clinical capacity which if predicted to be compromised
	    • Low <20 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days
	    • Medium 20 to 100 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days
	    • High >100 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days		

New cases in regional and remote areas per 100,000 regional and remote areas population in the past 14 days	• Green
	  <20 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days
		• Amber
		  20 - 100 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days
			• Red
			  >100 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days

New cases in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people per 100,000 in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the past 14 days	• Green
	  <20 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days
		• Amber
		  20 - 100 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days
			• Red
			  >100 new cases per 100,000 in the past 14 days

Footnotes for this indicator	As at 20 January 2023, these indicators are inclusive of cases determined by rapid antigen test (RAT) and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Previously this indicator was inclusive of cases confirmed by PCR test only.		

Traffic light classification for TTIQ raw indicators

Metric	Green	Amber	Red
Percent of PCR tests positive for SARS-CoV-2 in the past 7 days	• <2%	• 2 to 7%	• ≥7%
Mean PCR tests per 1,000 population per day in the past 7 days	Grey		
Percent of symptomatic cases PCR tested within 2 days of symptom onset in the past 7 days –	• >70%	• 60- 70%	• < 60%
Percent of positive PCR tests notified to health department within 1 day of specimen collection in the past 7 days	• >70%	• 60- 70%	• < 60%
Footnotes for this indicator	& As time is measured in whole days, cases with a symptom onset up to three days prior to specimen collection are classified as being tested within two days of symptom onset. # As time is measured in whole days, cases notified to health departments on the day of or one day after specimen collection are classified as notified within one day. ^PCR testing data is no longer available from NSW and the ACT, consequently a representative national metric is also no longer available.		

Traffic light classification for modelled epidemic activity

Metric	Thresholds
Reff - effective reproductive number	Grey (unless clinical capacity is predicted to be compromised threshold TBA)
Final state-wide transmission potential (TP) for SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant of concerns incorporating current settings, behaviours, vaccination levels and infection-acquired immunity	Grey (unless clinical capacity is predicted to be compromised threshold TBA)
Percent of TP for SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant reduced through vaccination and prior infection	Grey
Percent of TP reduced through TTIQ	Grey

Traffic light classification for outbreak indicators

Metric	Green	Amber	Red
Number of cases reported in residents in RACFs in the past 7 days (c.f. week prior)	• Zero	• N/A	• ≥ 1 case in residents
Change in number of active outbreaks in RACFs in the past 7 days (c.f. week prior)	• Decrease from previous week	• N/A	• Increase from previous week

Traffic light classification for clinical capacity indicators

Metric	Green	Amber	Red
Total COVID-19 patients in ICU/HDU (active cases and cleared cases) (last week / week prior)	• <15% of available ICU beds are COVID patients	• 15 – 30% of available ICU beds are COVID patients	• >30% ICU beds are COVID patients • >30% ICU beds go to surge
Paediatric ICU due to COVID-19 (last week / week prior)	• <15% of available paediatric ICU beds are COVID patients	• 15 – 30% of available paediatric ICU beds are COVID patients	• >30% paediatric ICU beds are COVID patients • >30% paediatric ICU beds go to surge
Hospital ward beds occupied by COVID-19 cases (last week / week prior)	• <15% of available public hospital ward beds are COVID patients	• 15 – 30% of available public hospital ward beds are COVID patients	• >30% of available public hospital ward beds are COVID patients

Traffic light classification for vaccination indicators

Metric	Green	Amber	Red
Percentage of RACF residents fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)	Grey (data is no longer able to be updated)		
Percentage of NDIS recipients in residential accommodation fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)	Grey (data is no longer able to be updated)		
Percentage of RACF workers fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)	Grey (data is no longer able to be updated)		
Percentage of NDIS screened workers fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)	Grey (data is no longer able to be updated)		
Number and percent of SA4 regions above 70% fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)	Grey (data is no longer able to be updated)		
Number and percent of SA4 regions above 80% fully vaccinated (c.f. week prior)	Grey (data is no longer able to be updated)		

New version as agreed by National Cabinet on 5 November 2021

Data sources and additional resources

The Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) have informed the traffic light thresholds in the operating picture.

Data are sourced from:

- the National Interoperable Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS);
- the Critical Health Resource Information System;
- aged care facility reporting;
- modelling;
- Australian Immunisation Register; and
- daily reports from state and territory health departments.

Most metrics use a rate or proportion rather than a raw number, to account for variability between state and territory populations. Due to the dynamic nature of jurisdictional daily reports and thus NINDSS data, data in this report are subject to retrospective revision and may vary from data reported in published NINDSS reports and reports of notification data by states and territories.

Additional resources

Daily COVID-19 cases updates:

https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/case-numbers-and-statistics

Fortnightly epidemiology report:

https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/novel_coronavirus_2019_ncov_weekly_epidemiology_reports_australia_2020.htm

Vaccination numbers and statistics:

https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/numbers-statistics