COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care homes

# National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 04 April 2024, there are 1,254 active COVID-19 cases in 191 active outbreaks in residential aged care homes (RACHs) across Australia. There has been an increase of 2 outbreaks, 11 new resident deaths and 997 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 28 March 2024.

Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 04 April 2024[[1]](#footnote-2)

| Category | Active*[[2]](#footnote-3)* | Change in active (7 days) | CumulativeTotal | Cumulative increase (7 days) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outbreaks[[3]](#footnote-4)** | 191 | 2 | 19,873 | 80 |
| **RACHs affected**  | 191 | 2 | 2,865 | 0 |
| **Resident cases[[4]](#footnote-5)** | 918 | 43 | 189,895 | 712 |
| **Resident deaths** | N/A | N/A | 6,388 | 11 |
| **Staff cases** | 336 | - 42 | 106,439 | 285 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | Total |
| Total RACHs with outbreaks | 0 | 61 | 1 | 42 | 19 | 6 | 43 | 19 | 191 |
| *Total number of active resident cases* | 0 | 292 | 1 | 170 | 97 | 22 | 241 | 95 | 918 |
| *Total number of active staff cases* | 0 | 115 | 0 | 74 | 45 | 11 | 66 | 25 | 336 |
| Total outbreaks opened in previous 7 days | 0 | 24 | 0 | 16 | 9 | 1 | 19 | 11 | 80 |
| Total outbreaks closed in previous 7 days | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 10 | 4 | 25 | 5 | 78 |

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

**Table 2: Overview of active outbreaks in Australia**

**Figure 1: National outbreak trends in aged care**



**Figure 2: Trends in aged care cases – December 2021 to present**



## Mortality

For the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 March 2024, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 1.5% of all deaths in permanent residents in aged care homes.

Since the beginning of the Omicron outbreak in mid December[[5]](#footnote-6) 2021, there have been 136,487 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 15 December 2021 to 30 March 2024)[[6]](#footnote-7). COVID-19 deaths account for 4.0% 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. In the first half of 2022, all-cause excess mortality in residential aged care was above the expected range. Excess mortaility for the second half of the 2022 is yet to be finalised.

**Figure 3: COVID-19 deaths in RACHs overlaid with community deaths**



## Workforce in active residential aged care outbreaks

As at 5 April 2024, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 190,353 shifts in aged care services. These shifts include roles for GPs, nurses, care workers, allied health workers, executive and ancillary staff. In the past 7 days (to 5 April 2024) surge workforce providers have assisted 15 residential aged care homes and filled 175 shifts in aged care services.

Table 3: Workforce resources supplied to RACHs

| Workforce provider | Total shifts | Previous 7 days |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association | 103,905 | 0 |
| Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge) | 15,777 | 0 |
| Healthcare Australia (NACER) | 2,295 | N/A |
| Mable | 2,711 | N/A |
| Aspen Medical | 28,817 | 13 |
| HealthX | 32,792 | 162 |
| 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 RACHs with outbreak sites prioritised for delivery. The National Medical Stockpile has deployed 48,269 treatment courses of Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) to RACHs.

104,101 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in RACHs, with a further 10,315 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 29 February 2024.­

\*Note: Oral antiviral data is only being updated monthly.

## Vaccination in RACHs

On 29 February 2024, the 2024 COVID-19 vaccination advice was released. Recommended doses for the program in 2024 are based on an individual's level of severe immunocompromise and age. Recommendations can be found on the Department of Health and Aged Care (department) website at: <https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/covid-19-vaccines/getting-your-vaccination/booster-doses>.

People living in residential aged care are a high priority for the Government’s COVID-19 vaccination program.

Older age remains the biggest risk factor for severe COVID-19 disease. Vaccination offers added protection to help reduce the risk of severe illness or hospitalisation of aged care residents.

The department is working with both the aged care and primary care sectors to ensure residents have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. It continues to target support for RACHs to arrange COVID-19 vaccinations with local primary care providers such as GPs, community pharmacists and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

*\* The department is reviewing COVID-19 vaccination data and reporting for 2024. Updated data on COVID-19 vaccinations in residential aged care will be provided in the coming weeks.*

## Infection control and audit

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Commission) conducts site audits and assessment contacts (site and non-site) to monitor and assess residential aged care services against the Aged Care Quality Standards (see Table 5 below). This may include conducting infection control monitoring (ICM) spot checks.

An ICM spot check involves an on-site visit to residential aged care services, without an outbreak, to observe infection control practices, to ensure that staff, management and visitors are adhering to safe personal protective equipment protocols and to safe infection control arrangements, as required under the Quality Standards.

As at 04 April 2024, the Commission had conducted 6,036 ICM spot checks to observe infection control practices and PPE protocols in RACHs.

Table 5: Total quality assessment and monitoring activities with residential services (including IPC), by type and month 1 March 2020 to 04 April 2024

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Regulatory Activities | 2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020) | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24(to 04 Apr) | Total |
| ****Site visits**** | 318 | 3,452 | 1,732 | 3,814 | 2,294 | **11,610** |
| ****Non-site activities**** | 3,709 | 8,381 | 6,665 | 1,413 | 419 | **20,587** |
| Total activities | 4,027 | 11,833 | 8,397 | 5,227 | 2,713 | **32,197** |

# Appendix 1: National residential aged care homes (RACHs) with active outbreaks COVID-19

Please note, information reported in this table has been directly reported to the department by RACHs. 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, RACHs are able to correct these in the COVID-19 Support Portal through My Aged Care. Where a RACH 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). Data below for individual services is as at 04 April 2024.

| Service Name | State | Resident Deaths | Resident Cases | Staff Cases | Total Incidents |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ACDMA Aged Care Services | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Advantaged Care at Bondi Waters | New South Wales | 0 | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Agris Hutrof House | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Alexander Campbell House | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Allambie Heights Village Residential Aged Care Facility | New South Wales | <6 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Anglican Care Jesmond Grove | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Anglicare Dorothy Boyt House | New South Wales | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Anglicare Piper House | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 8 | n/p |
| BaptistCare George Forbes House | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Baradine Multi-Purpose Service | New South Wales | <6 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Bass Hill Aged Care | New South Wales | 0 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| Bathurst Riverview Care Community | New South Wales | <6 | 37 | 20 | 57 |
| Blacktown Terrace Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | 12 | <6 | n/p |
| Boronia House | New South Wales | 0 | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| Calvary Cessnock Retirement Community | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | 7 |
| Catholic Healthcare Blakeney Lodge | New South Wales | 0 | 12 | 9 | 21 |
| Catholic Healthcare Charles O'Neill Hostel | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Catholic Healthcare Holy Spirit Casula | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Christophorus House Hostel | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Coastal Waters Aged Care | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 7 | n/p |
| Coffs Harbour Grange Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Cooinda Hostel | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Dunedoo Multi-Purpose Service | New South Wales | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Camden | New South Wales | 0 | 29 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Epping - The Poplars | New South Wales | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Ryde | New South Wales | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Feros Village Wommin Bay | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | 7 |
| Gosling Creek Aged Care | New South Wales | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Gumleigh Gardens Hostel | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| HammondCare Waratah | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Hillgrove House | New South Wales | 0 | 14 | 7 | 21 |
| Horton House and Warmington Lodge | New South Wales | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Maitland Grange Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | 45 | 7 | 52 |
| Mark Moran at Little Bay | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Mary Potter Nursing Home | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 7 | n/p |
| Meadowbank Grove Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | 44 | <6 | n/p |
| Moyne Aged Care Plus Centre (0033) | New South Wales | 0 | 18 | <6 | n/p |
| Murray House | New South Wales | 0 | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| Narrabeen Glades Care Community | New South Wales | <6 | 34 | <6 | n/p |
| Narraweena Grove Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | 39 | 8 | 47 |
| Orange Grove Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | 7 |
| Pembroke Lodge | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| RFBI Benhome Masonic Village | New South Wales | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| RFBI West Wyalong Masonic Village | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Rosemore Aged Care | New South Wales | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| St Andrew's Village Ballina | New South Wales | 0 | 28 | 31 | 59 |
| St Annes Nursing Home | New South Wales | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| St Elizabeth Home | New South Wales | 0 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| St Marys Villa Residential Aged Care | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| St Vincent's Care Services Auburn | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| The Whiddon Group - Glenfield - Easton Park | New South Wales | <6 | 23 | 16 | 39 |
| Uniting Berry | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Uniting Garden Suburb | New South Wales | 0 | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| Uniting Mullauna Blacktown | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Uniting Nareen Gardens Bateau Bay | New South Wales | 0 | 16 | <6 | n/p |
| Uniting The Garrison Mosman | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Vincent Court | New South Wales | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Wahroonga House | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Wallsend Manor Aged Care | New South Wales | 0 | 33 | 9 | 42 |
| Warrigal Care Shell Cove | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Yallaroo | New South Wales | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Thamarrurr Development Corporation | Northern Territory | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Akooramak Care of Older Persons | Queensland | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Algester Lodge | Queensland | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| Anglicare SQ Abri Home for the Aged | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Anglicare SQ Symes Grove Home for the Aged | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 7 |
| Anglicare SQ Symes Thorpe Home for the Aged | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Arcare North Lakes | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Arcare North Shore | Queensland | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Arcare Sanctuary Manors | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Bellevue Care Centre | Queensland | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Blue Care Carina Aged Care Facility | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 8 |
| Bolton Clarke Fernhill | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Bolton Clarke Tantula Rise | Queensland | 0 | 16 | <6 | n/p |
| Bupa Runaway Bay | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Cabanda Aged Care | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 8 |
| Calvary Noosa | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Camp Hill Aged Care | Queensland | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Caravonica Waters | Queensland | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Carramar Aged Care | Queensland | 0 | 17 | 6 | 23 |
| Churches of Christ Buckingham Gardens Aged Care Service | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Churches of Christ Fair Haven Aged Care Service Hervey Bay | Queensland | 0 | 22 | 7 | 29 |
| Churches of Christ Fair Haven Aged Care Service Maryborough | Queensland | 0 | 23 | 10 | 33 |
| Churches of Christ Golden Age Aged Care Service | Queensland | 0 | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| Estia Health Gold Coast | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 8 |
| Estia Health Mount Coolum | Queensland | 0 | 41 | 21 | 62 |
| Glenella Care | Queensland | 0 | 31 | 24 | 55 |
| Holland Park Aged Care | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Infinite Care Cleveland | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Lorocco | Queensland | 0 | 16 | <6 | n/p |
| Lutheran Services - Cooinda Aged Care Centre | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 7 |
| Maryborough Community Aged Care | Queensland | 0 | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| MiCare Prins Willem Alexander Lodge | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Mt Kooyong Convalescent Home | Queensland | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Newstead Grand Care Community | Queensland | 0 | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| Ozcare Villa Vincent | Queensland | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Parklands Aged Care Facility & Retirement Village | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 8 | n/p |
| Regis Bulimba | Queensland | 0 | 16 | <6 | n/p |
| Regis Caboolture | Queensland | 0 | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| Regis Sandgate - Musgrave | Queensland | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Sir James Terrace | Queensland | 0 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| St Vincent's Care Services Arundel | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| St Vincent's Care Services Southport | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 8 |
| TriCare Labrador Aged Care Residence | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Aldersgate Aged Care Services | South Australia | <6 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| AnglicareSA Elizabeth East | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Belalie Lodge | South Australia | 0 | 25 | <6 | n/p |
| Bene Aged Care - Campbelltown | South Australia | 0 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| Bucklands Residential Care | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Eldercare Acacia Court | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Eldercare Allambi | South Australia | 0 | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| Eldercare Cottage Grove | South Australia | 0 | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Hahndorf Residential Care Services | South Australia | 0 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| Helping Hand Aged Care - Mawson Lakes Facility | South Australia | 0 | 13 | <6 | n/p |
| LHI Glynde | South Australia | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Mary Cecelia Hart Court Hostel | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 10 | n/p |
| Murray Mudge | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| North Eastern Community Nursing Home | South Australia | 0 | 17 | 7 | 24 |
| Resthaven Craigmore | South Australia | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| St Basil's at Croydon Park | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Star Of The Sea Home For The Aged | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 7 | n/p |
| The Churchill Retreat | South Australia | <6 | 29 | <6 | n/p |
| The House of Saint Hilarion | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Cadorna House | Tasmania | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Calvary Sandhill | Tasmania | 0 | 18 | 6 | 24 |
| Corumbene Hostel | Tasmania | 0 | 15 | 6 | 21 |
| Meercroft Care | Tasmania | 0 | 17 | 14 | 31 |
| Mt St Vincent | Tasmania | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Peace Haven | Tasmania | 0 | 23 | 16 | 39 |
| AdventCare Whitehorse | Victoria | 0 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Andrews House | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | 7 |
| Arcare Templestowe | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Assisi Centre Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 33 | 11 | 44 |
| Banfields Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| Baptcare Brookview Community | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Belmont Grange | Victoria | 0 | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| Brimlea Aged Care | Victoria | <6 | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| BSL Aged Care - Clifton Hill | Victoria | <6 | 22 | 7 | 29 |
| Calvary Goonawarra | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Calvary Huntly Suites | Victoria | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Calvary Lower Plenty Garden Views | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Camberwell Gardens | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Casey Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Chelsea Lodge Hostel | Victoria | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Coppin Centre | Victoria | 0 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| Emmy Monash Aged Care | Victoria | <6 | 25 | 0 | 25 |
| Estia Health Altona Meadows | Victoria | 0 | 12 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Bannockburn | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Estia Health Benalla (Thomas St) | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Estia Health Kangaroo Flat | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Glen Waverley Nursing Home | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Glenview Community Care Nursing Home | Victoria | <6 | 25 | 10 | 35 |
| Hailey House Hostel | Victoria | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Holmwood Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Keilor East Manor Care Community | Victoria | 0 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Kew Gardens Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Latvian Aged Care Facility | Victoria | 0 | 15 | <6 | n/p |
| Little Sisters of the Poor St Joseph's Home | Victoria | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Lynden Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Mayflower Edith Bendall | Victoria | 0 | 17 | <6 | n/p |
| Mayflower Reservoir | Victoria | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Melville Grange Hostel | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Mercy Place Dandenong | Victoria | 0 | 13 | <6 | n/p |
| MiCare Avondrust Lodge | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Regis Armadale | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Regis Dandenong North | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Regis Sunraysia | Victoria | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Sale Gardens Care Community | Victoria | 0 | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| Somerville Gardens Care Community | Victoria | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Uniting AgeWell Box Hill | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Uniting AgeWell Manor Lakes | Victoria | 0 | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| Village Glen Aged Care Residences - Mornington | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Aegis Alfred Carson | Western Australia | 0 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| Aegis Parkview | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Applecross Shore Care Community | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Bedingfeld Lodge | Western Australia | 0 | 15 | <6 | n/p |
| Bethanie Dalyellup | Western Australia | 0 | 15 | <6 | n/p |
| Bethanie Gwelup | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Brightwater Birralee | Western Australia | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Carmel Roshana Care | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Carnarvon MPS | Western Australia | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Coolibah Care | Western Australia | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Dr Mary Surveyor Centre | Western Australia | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Frank Prendergast House | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Juniper Sarah Hardey | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Melville Parkside Care Community | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Regis Woodlands | Western Australia | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| St George's Care Centre | Western Australia | 0 | 16 | <6 | n/p |
| SwanCare Ningana | Western Australia | 0 | 16 | 8 | 24 |
| Treeby Parklands Care Community | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Waratah Lodge | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |

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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Active residents and staff cases are the total currently positive cases in active outbreaks [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Case numbers and numbers of deaths are dependent upon reporting from RACHs and validation of deaths from state and territory governments. This is subject to change as further information is provided. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The Omicron outbreak start date has been redefined from late November 2021 to mid December 2021. Changes have been made to align reporting with the start date of Omicron published in the department’s external facing Epidemiology report. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)