COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care homes

# National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 28 August 2025, there are 598 active COVID-19 cases reported in 100 active outbreaks in residential aged care homes (RACHs) across Australia. There have been 45 new outbreaks, 3 new resident deaths and 576 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 21 August 2025.  
  
**Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 28 August 2025[[1]](#footnote-2)**

| Category | Active*[[2]](#footnote-3)* | Change in active (7 days) | Cumulative  Total | Cumulative increase (7 days) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Outbreaks[[3]](#footnote-4)** | 100 | +2 | 26,996 | 45 |
| **RACHs affected** | 100 | +2 | 2,922 | 0 |
| **Resident cases** | 451 | +73 | 258,283 | 429 |
| **Resident deaths** | N/A | N/A | 7,573 | 3 |
| **Staff cases** | 147 | -14 | 133,801 | 147 |

Residential aged care homes with active outbreaks are included in [Appendix](#_Appendix_1:_National).

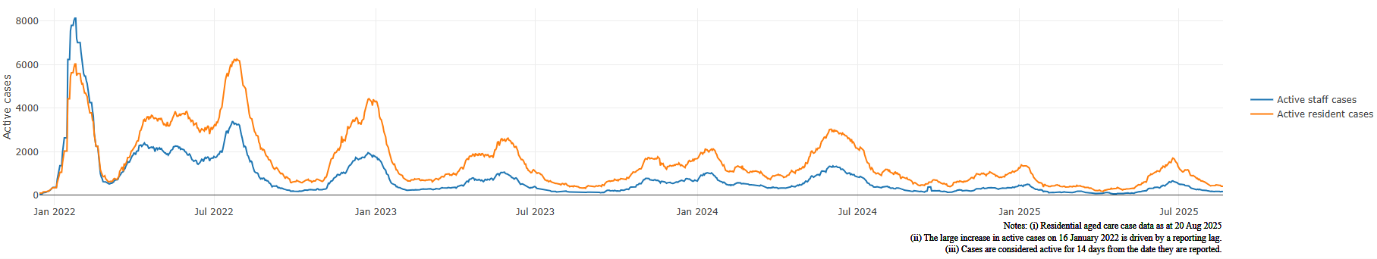
Data collected from 31 March 2020 including retrospective data on outbreaks and cases from 18 February 2020.   
  
Table 2: Overview of active outbreaks in Australia

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | Total |
| Total RACHs with outbreaks | 0 | 23 | 0 | 25 | 8 | 3 | 30 | 11 | **100** |
| *Total number of active resident cases* | 0 | 89 | 0 | 90 | 38 | 13 | 147 | 74 | **451** |
| *Total number of active staff cases* | 0 | 36 | 0 | 36 | 10 | 2 | 43 | 20 | **147** |
| Total outbreaks opened in previous 7 days | 0 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 3 | **45** |
| Total outbreaks closed in previous 7 days | 0 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 6 | **41** |

**Figure 1: National outbreak trends in aged care – December 2021 to present**



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



## Mortality

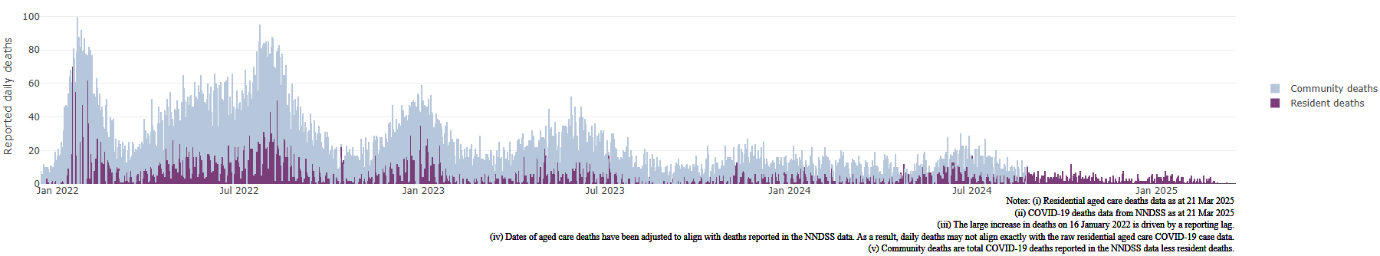
For the period of 1 January 2025 to 23 August 2025, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 0.9% of all deaths in permanent residents in aged care homes.

Since the beginning of the Omicron outbreak in mid-December[[4]](#footnote-5) 2021, there have been 228,499 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 15 December 2021 to 23 August 2025)[[5]](#footnote-6). COVID-19 deaths account for 2.9% of this figure.

There has been a decrease year on year for the rate of case fatality[[6]](#footnote-7), from a 33% case fatality rate in resident COVID-19 cases in 2020 to 3.3% in 2022 and 1.5% in 2025.

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 mortality 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 27 August 2025, surge workforce providers report a total of 202,699 shifts delivered in aged care services impacted by COVID-19. These shifts include roles for GPs, nurses, care workers, allied health workers, executive and ancillary staff. In the past week surge workforce providers have reported assisting 1 residential aged care home(s) and filled 16 shifts in aged care services.

Table 3: Workforce resources supplied to RACHs

| Workforce provider | Total shifts | Previous 7 days | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Aspen Medical8 | 34,108 | 0 |
| Randstad9 | 1,564 | 16 |
| Previous contracted providers10 | 167,011 | N/A |
| **Total** | **202,699** | **16** |

8Aspen Medical shift data as at 27 August 2025, reported fortnightly.

9Randstad shift data as at 27 August 2025, reported weekly.

10Previous contracted providers include RCSA, HealthCare Australia, HealthX, Mable and Torrens.

## 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.

170,772 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in RACHs, with a further 27,014 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 31 July 2025.­

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

**Vaccination in RACHs**

On 27 March 2025, recommendations for 2025 COVID-19 vaccinations were released. Recommended doses for the program are based on an individual's age and level of severe immunocompromise.

Those aged 75 years and over are recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine dose every 6 months. Those aged over 65 years of age, and adults with severe immunocompromise are recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine dose every 12 months and are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine dose every 6 months based on individual risk-benefit assessments. All other adults can receive a single dose this year.

Recommendations can be found on the Department of Health and Aged Care (department) website at: [ATAGI statement on the administration of COVID-19 vaccines in 2025](https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-03/atagi-statement-on-the-administration-of-covid-19-vaccines-in-2025.pdf)  
  
People are encouraged to seek vaccination advice from their healthcare providers, specific to their circumstances.

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 reduces the risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19.

The department is working with both the aged care and primary care sectors to ensure residents have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. The department 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.

As at 27 August 2025:

* 71.6% of aged care residents have received a booster dose in the last 12 months.
* For residents over the age of 75:
  + 95,902 (55.2%) aged care residents received a booster dose in the last 6 months.
* 14,757 aged care residents have received a vaccination in the last 28 days (compared to 14,031 in the 28 days prior).

**Table 4: Aged care COVID-19 Booster Doses (data as at 27 August 2025)**

| Jurisdiction | 75+ with booster in last 6 months | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Residents vaccinated | % of residents vaccinated |
| **National** | **95,902** | **55.2%** |
| NSW | 31,128 | 55.4% |
| VIC | 24,696 | 54.5% |
| QLD | 19,230 | 55.6% |
| WA | 8,759 | 53.7% |
| SA | 8,402 | 56.8% |
| TAS | 2,013 | 50.8% |
| ACT | 1,465 | 65.0% |
| NT | 209 | 52.1% |

*Data in this report is sourced from Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) data of residents in permanent residential aged care homes.*

*An updated data methodology was implemented on 13 August 2025. Aged Care AIR data as at 27 August 2025; Matched AIR data uses a snapshot of permanent residents in residential aged care homes as at 30 June 2025. The Residential Aged Care Home {RACH) Recipient ID to Medicare PIN linkage file was loaded into Health Enterprise Data Warehouse on   
13 August 2025 which linked Medicare Consumer Directory data as at 14 May 2025 and RACH recipient data as at   
30 April 2025.*

*Note: Booster doses in this report refer to any dose 2 or above administered to an individual.*

## 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 28 August 2025, the Commission had conducted 6,105 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 28 August 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Regulatory Activities | 2019-20  (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020) | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 (to 28 August) | Total |
| ****Site visits**** | 318 | 3,452 | 1,732 | 3,814 | 2,840 | 1,515 | **67** | **13,738** |
| ****Non-site activities**** | 3,704 | 8,396 | 6,665 | 1,413 | 487 | 934 | **91** | **21,690** |
| Total activities | 4,022 | 11,848 | 8,397 | 5,227 | 3,327 | 2,449 | **158** | **35,428** |

# Appendix: 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 28 August 2025.

| Service Name | State | Resident Deaths | Resident Cases | Staff  Cases | Total Cases |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Aruma Lodge | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| BaptistCare Kularoo Centre | New South Wales | 0 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| Benjamin Short Grove | New South Wales | 0 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| Bolton Clarke Calare (PKA - Calare Residential Aged Care Facility) | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Boronia House | New South Wales | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Coffs Haven Residential Care Service | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Columbia Aged Care Services - Oberon Village | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| HammondCare - Horsley | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| HammondCare - Wahroonga | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| HammondCare Waratah | New South Wales | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Maitland Grange Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Pathways Sailors Bay | New South Wales | 0 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| RFBI Hawkins Masonic Village - Acacia House | New South Wales | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Richardson House | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | n/p |
| Rutherford Park Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | 14 | 17 | 31 |
| Southhaven Aged Care | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| St Vincent's Care Services Haberfield | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Uniting Elanora Shellharbour | New South Wales | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Uniting Gerringong | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Uniting Osborne Nowra | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Uniting Springwood | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Wahroonga Tallwoods Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Whiddon Kyogle | New South Wales | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Anglicare SQ Kirami Home for the Aged | Queensland | 0 | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| Blue Care Carina Aged Care Facility | Queensland | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Bolton Clarke Fairview | Queensland | 0 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| Bolton Clarke Milford Grange | Queensland | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Bolton Clarke Moreton Shores | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Bolton Clarke Villa Serena | Queensland | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Churches of Christ Clive Burdeu Aged Care Service | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Estia Health Albany Creek | Queensland | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Hervey Bay | Queensland | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Mount Coolum | Queensland | 0 | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| Estia Health Nambour | Queensland | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Pacific Paradise | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Estia Health Southport | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Infinite Care Mount Lofty | Queensland | <6 | 33 | 9 | 42 |
| Nazareth House Wynnum | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | n/p |
| New Auckland Place | Queensland | <6 | 36 | 19 | 55 |
| Regis Kirwan | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Regis Kuluin | Queensland | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Regis Salisbury | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Regis Yeronga | Queensland | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Southern Cross Care Chinchilla - Illoura Village | Queensland | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Southern Cross Care Miles - Carinya | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| St Luke's Green Residential Care | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| St Vincent's Care Services Arundel | Queensland | 0 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| Yaralla Place | Queensland | 0 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| AnglicareSA Elizabeth East | South Australia | 0 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Flagstaff Hill | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Estia Health Golden Grove | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Estia Health Kensington Gardens | South Australia | 0 | 12 | <6 | n/p |
| Klemzig Residential Care Services | South Australia | 0 | 15 | <6 | n/p |
| Loxton District Nursing Home | South Australia | <6 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Onkaparinga Lodge Residential Care | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Serene Residential Care Services | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Barossa Park Lodge | Tasmania | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Eliza Purton | Tasmania | 0 | 14 | 10 | 24 |
| Uniting AgeWell Strathdevon | Tasmania | <6 | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| Aeralife Bayswater | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Apollo Bay Multi-Purpose Service | Victoria | 0 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| Arcare Gisborne | Victoria | 0 | 17 | <6 | n/p |
| Baptcare The Orchards Community | Victoria | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Benetas St Laurence Court - Kangaroo Flat | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Bolton Clarke Bayside (VIC) | Victoria | 0 | 19 | 6 | 25 |
| Bolton Clarke Lexington Gardens | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Bolton Clarke Lilydale | Victoria | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Bupa Clayton | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Chestnut Gardens Aged Care Home | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Costa House | Victoria | 0 | 12 | <6 | n/p |
| Dunolly Nursing Home | Victoria | 0 | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Embracia in Reservoir | Victoria | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Mount Clear | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Fronditha Clayton Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 33 | <6 | n/p |
| Fronditha Thalpori Aged Care Services - St Albans | Victoria | 0 | 36 | 24 | 60 |
| Gibson Street Complex | Victoria | <6 | 10 | 16 | 26 |
| Homewood Residential Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| Ivanhoe Grand Care Community | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Jacaranda House Hostel | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | 7 |
| James Barker House | Victoria | 0 | 25 | 9 | 34 |
| Mercy Place Ave Maria | Victoria | 0 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| Mercy Place Lynbrook | Victoria | 0 | 14 | 7 | 21 |
| Ocean Mist Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Olivet Aged Persons Home | Victoria | 0 | 15 | <6 | n/p |
| St Vincent's Care Services Eltham - Willandra Lodge | Victoria | 0 | 26 | <6 | n/p |
| Uniting AgeWell Box Hill | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Vasey RSL Care Brighton East | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Vermont Views Care Community | Victoria | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Villa Maria Catholic Homes Justin Villa Aged Care Residence | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Aegis Shoalwater | Western Australia | 0 | 12 | 10 | 22 |
| Amaroo Village Buckley Caring Centre | Western Australia | 0 | 29 | <6 | n/p |
| Bethanie Dalyellup | Western Australia | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Brightwater The Cove | Western Australia | 0 | 14 | 14 | 28 |
| Esperance Aged Care Facility | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 7 | n/p |
| Frank Prendergast House | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Jeremiah Donovan House | Western Australia | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Juniper Annesley | Western Australia | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Regents Garden - Bateman | Western Australia | 0 | 27 | 14 | 41 |
| Regents Garden Residential Aged Care Resort - Lake Joondalup | Western Australia | 0 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| Wanneroo Community Nursing Home | 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 (one) positive case in a resident or 2+ cases in staff. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. 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-5)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Case fatality calculated as total reported resident COVID-19 deaths divided by total resident COVID-19 cases. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)