# COVID‑19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

## National Snapshot

Data as at 0800 on 11 September 2020

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| Active outbreaks: | 83 |
| Active resident cases: | 454 |
| Active staff cases:  | 166 |
| Deaths: | 580 |
| Total residential of outbreaks | 213 |
| Number of services resolved  | 130 |
| Number of services with only one case of COVID-19 | 98 |
| Total resident cases  | 1967 |
| Resolved resident cases | 925 |
| Total staff cases  | 2082 |
| Resolved staff cases | 1916 |

## Analysis

**Current situation in Australia**

In Australia, a total of 26,513 cases of COVID-19 have been reported, including 1661 active cases, 23,031 recovered cases and 788 deaths.

* Of these, a total of 19,728 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Victoria, including 1483 active cases, 17,484 recovered cases and 701 deaths.

There are 83 residential aged care facilities currently active with COVID-19. 82 of these services are in Victoria and one is in Queensland.

### Distribution of Australian residential aged care facilities by number of cases of COVID-19 (includes staff and resident cases)

### Comparison of aged care transmission with community transmission in Victoria



*Noting that ‘other’ refers to individuals associated with an outbreak in aged care who are neither residents nor staff. This category is not reported in the remainder of the report.*

## National comparison of 2020 residential aged care deaths with previous year and influenza comparisons

Across the 2020 calendar year to 31 July 2020, the total number of departures from residential care due to death is 32,398, compared with 33,383 at the same point in 2019. The lower number of deaths in 2020 in the data available to date compared to the same point in 2019 is likely the result of increased influenza immunisation rates, and increased infection control protocols introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sadly influenza kills many elderly Australians each year many of whom live in aged care facilities.

* The 2017 influenza season recorded the highest levels of influenza activity since 2009 swine flu pandemic with over **1064** older Australians dying from influenza.
* In 2019, **837** older Australians died from influenza.
* In 2020, **28** older Australians have died from influenza to date.

### International comparisons

Australia’s overall COVID death rate as a proportion of cases is around 3.0 per cent (compared to 12.8 per cent in the UK). Our death rate in aged care across Australia as a proportion of total aged care residents is around 0.32 per cent (3.2 in 1000) compared to 5.3 per cent in the UK where nearly 20,000 deaths have been seen.

In the UK, of the 9,081 care homes included in a recent study, 56% reported at least one confirmed case of coronavirus (staff or resident), as compared to 7.7% of all Australian aged care homes (source: UK Office of National Statistics).

In Canada, 21 per cent (1,231 of 5,801) of care homes has one or more confirmed cases of COVID-19.

### Workforce in active residential aged care outbreaks

As part of the aged care response, significant surge workforce assistance has been provided by both state and National Aged Care Emergency Response (NACER) teams, with many workers deployed from interstate. The number of Commonwealth funded surge staff that have been deployed to Victorian aged care services exceeds 1000.

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| Agency | Resources supplied |
| **State and NACER (National Aged Care Emergency Response) Teams** | Tasmanian Government: 9 clinical and 1 support staffWestern Australian Government: 12 clinical personnelNACER: 6 teams (35 personnel) |
| **AUSMAT**  | Visited a total of 75 Victorian aged care facilities. A total of 169 visits were completed due to re-visits.  |
| **Australian Defence Force** | Have visited 438 facilities conducting clinical screens.  |
| **RCSA** | Staff supplied 20,077 shifts |
| **Healthcare Australia** | Staff supplied filled 3552 shifts for workforce surge and 968 shifts for NACER teams.  |
| **Mable** | Filled 1539 shifts |
| **Aspen Medical** | Supplied staff to fill 560 roles including clinical first responders deployments |
| **Health X** | Supplied 21 staff filled 111 shifts |
| **Western Health**  | Visited 37 facilities to provide assistance. Contract has finished.  |

## Provision of personal protective equipment (PPE)

A range of resources and online training on the use of PPE is available on the Department’s website for aged care workers.

Since March 2020, the Australian Government has been working with state and territory governments to ensure aged care facilities have sufficient PPE. PPE is dispatched both directly from the National Medical Stockpile (NMS) and by jurisdictions on the NMS’ behalf, depending on the specific circumstances.

Over half a billion masks and approximately 52 million gowns, 261 million gloves, and 44 million goggles/face shields have been ordered for staggered delivery into the NMS through to January 2021.

As at 11 September 2020, the NMS has provided aged care facilities with approximately:

* 16 million masks
* 4 million gowns
* 10 million gloves
* 3 million goggles and face shields
* 80,000 bottles of hand sanitiser
* 140,000 clinical waste bags.

## Testing of aged care residents and staff

The Australian Government has engaged Sonic Healthcare to provide a dedicated pathology service for the testing of suspected cases of COVID-19 in residential aged care facilities. The service is intended to supplement existing public health pathology services in aged care through the provision of services from the private sector as required.

As at 1 September, Sonic has conducted 126,680 COVID‑19 tests at 1794 unique residential aged care facilities nationally. This includes 110,352 COVID-19 tests at 520 unique residential aged care facilities in Victoria.

Testing regimens for residents and staff at aged care facilities that experience a COVID-19 outbreak is based on advice from the relevant state/territory government Public Health Unit.

## Infection control and audits

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission are undertaking Infection Control Monitoring (ICM) visits 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. This program is in addition to the Commission’s usual assessment and auditing program, and includes unannounced visits to residential aged care services, without an outbreak, to check compliance with PPE and infection control arrangements.

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| State / territory | Dates visits commenced | Number completed |
| **Australian Capital Territory** | 2 September 2020 | 2 |
| **New South Wales** | 10 August 2020  | 131 |
| **Northern Territory** | 2 September 2020  | 7 |
| **Queensland** | 27 August 2020 | 81 |
| **South Australia** | 26 August 2020  | 6 |
| **Tasmania** | 27 August 2020 | 50 |
| **Victoria** | 3 August 2020 | 160 |
| **Western Australia** | 25 August 2020 | 11 |

## Appendix 1: National residential aged care services with two or more positive cases of COVID-19

Victorian data is from Public Health Events Surveillance System (PHESS), other services information is collected by the Commonwealth Government.

| No | State | Residential Aged Care Facility | Total cases | Residenttotal | Resident resolved | Staff total | Staff resolved | Resident deaths[[1]](#footnote-1) | Resolved (Y/N) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | NSW | Dorothy Henderson Lodge  | 22 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 6 | Y |
| 2 | NSW | Newmarch House Aged Care Facility  | 71 | 37 | 17 | 34 | 34 | 19[[2]](#footnote-2) | Y |
| 3 | NSW | Opal Aged Care, Bankstown  | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Y |
| 4 | NSW | Storm Village, Anglican Care  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 5 | TAS | Melaleuca Home for the Aged  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Y |
| 6 | VIC | Arcare Burnside  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | Y |
| 7 | VIC | Arcare Craigieburn  | 81 | 37 | 22 | 44 | 44 | 14 | N |
| 8 | VIC | Arcare Maidstone  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | N |
| 9 | VIC | Arcare Sydenham  | 46 | 21 | 1 | 25 | 18 | 4 | N |
| 10 | VIC | Assisi Aged Care  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 11 | VIC | Aurrum Plenty  | 82 | 47 | 32 | 35 | 35 | 13 | N |
| 12 | VIC | Aurrum Reservoir  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | N |
| 13 | VIC | Avonlea Grange Hostel  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 14 | VIC | Baptcare Brookview Community Westmeadows  | 15 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | N |
| 15 | VIC | Baptcare Strathalan  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Y |
| 16 | VIC | Baptcare The Orchards - Doncaster  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 17 | VIC | Baptcare Wyndham Lodge  | 217 | 99 | 53 | 118 | 97 | 20 | N |
| 18 | VIC | Benetas St Georges  | 65 | 31 | 17 | 34 | 34 | 12 | N |
| 19 | VIC | Bill Crawford Lodge  | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 20 | VIC | BlueCross Autumdale  | 54 | 24 | 3 | 30 | 25 | 13 | N |
| 21 | VIC | Bluecross Baradine  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 22 | VIC | BlueCross Chelsea Manor  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | N |
| 23 | VIC | Bluecross Ivanhoe  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | Y |
| 24 | VIC | Bluecross Riverlea  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | N |
| 25 | VIC | Bluecross Silverwood  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 26 | VIC | BlueCross The Boulevard  | 69 | 36 | 25 | 33 | 33 | 11 | N |
| 27 | VIC | Boyne Russell Nursing Home  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 28 | VIC | Bupa Edithvale  | 76 | 44 | 25 | 32 | 32 | 17 | N |
| 29 | VIC | Bupa Greensborough  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 30 | VIC | Bupa Sunshine  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 31 | VIC | Bupa Templestowe  | 12 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 2 | N |
| 32 | VIC | Bupa Traralgon  | 19 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 2 | N |
| 33 | VIC | BUPA Woodend  | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 34 | VIC | Campbell Place Aged Care Facility  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 35 | VIC | Chomley House Hostel  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 36 | VIC | Churches of Christ Care Arcadia Aged Care Service Essendon  | 19 | 9 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 2 | N |
| 37 | VIC | Coppin Centre Melbourne  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | N |
| 38 | VIC | Corpus Christi Aged Care Residence - Villa Maria Catholic Homes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 39 | VIC | Craigcare Moonee Ponds  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 40 | VIC | Craigcare Pascoe Vale  | 91 | 49 | 19 | 42 | 34 | 14 | N |
| 41 | VIC | Cumberland Manor  | 107 | 53 | 34 | 54 | 51 | 8 | N |
| 42 | VIC | Doutta Galla Footscray 2.  | 56 | 30 | 23 | 26 | 25 | 7 | N |
| 43 | VIC | Doutta Galla Lynch's Bridge | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 44 | VIC | Doutta Galla Woornack  | 33 | 18 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 0 | N |
| 45 | VIC | Doutta Galla Yarraville  | 82 | 41 | 22 | 41 | 41 | 16 | N |
| 46 | VIC | Edenvale Manor Aged Care Facility  | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | N |
| 47 | VIC | Elly Kay ACF Mordialloc - BlueCross | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | N |
| 48 | VIC | Embracia in Reservoir VIC  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 49 | VIC | Embracia Moonee Valley  | 32 | 14 | 9 | 18 | 17 | 5 | N |
| 50 | VIC | Emmavale Gardens - Menarock Life Lower Templestowe  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 51 | VIC | Epping Gardens  | 187 | 102 | 55 | 85 | 85 | 36 | N |
| 52 | VIC | Essendon Aged Care - Menarock Life | 47 | 20 | 2 | 27 | 26 | 7 | N |
| 53 | VIC | Estia Health Ardeer  | 134 | 50 | 32 | 84 | 83 | 17 | N |
| 54 | VIC | Estia Health Glen Waverley  | 7 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | N |
| 55 | VIC | Estia Health Heidelberg West  | 94 | 29 | 19 | 65 | 64 | 10 | N |
| 56 | VIC | Estia Health Keilor  | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 57 | VIC | Estia Health Keysborough | 20 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 3 | N |
| 58 | VIC | Estia Health South Morang  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 59 | VIC | Florence Aged Care  | 46 | 28 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 7 | N |
| 60 | VIC | Fronditha Thalpori Aged Care Services - St Albans  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Y |
| 61 | VIC | Glendale Aged Care  | 87 | 45 | 26 | 42 | 42 | 16 | N |
| 62 | VIC | Glenlyn Aged Care Facility  | 63 | 40 | 16 | 23 | 21 | 4 | N |
| 63 | VIC | Grace of Mary Greek Cypriot Elderly Hostel  | 55 | 22 | 2 | 33 | 31 | 10 | N |
| 64 | VIC | Grant Lodge Aged Care Facility  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 65 | VIC | Gregory Lodge - Royal Freemasons | 65 | 38 | 23 | 27 | 25 | 14 | N |
| 66 | VIC | Hammond Care Caulfield Village Aged Care Facility  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Y |
| 67 | VIC | Holloway Aged Care Services  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Y |
| 68 | VIC | James Barker House  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 69 | VIC | Japara Central Park  | 39 | 18 | 1 | 21 | 18 | 1 | N |
| 70 | VIC | Japara Elanora  | 60 | 31 | 18 | 29 | 22 | 8 | N |
| 71 | VIC | Japara Goonawarra  | 99 | 53 | 32 | 46 | 43 | 17 | N |
| 72 | VIC | Japara Millward  | 36 | 19 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 4 | N |
| 73 | VIC | Japara The Regent  | 42 | 21 | 17 | 21 | 18 | 3 | N |
| 74 | VIC | Kalyna Care  | 100 | 58 | 6 | 42 | 36 | 24 | N |
| 75 | VIC | Kirkbrae Presbytarian Homes  | 115 | 61 | 40 | 54 | 54 | 20 | N |
| 76 | VIC | Liscombe House  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | N |
| 77 | VIC | Little Sisters of the Poor, Northcote  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Y |
| 78 | VIC | Lynden Aged Care  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 79 | VIC | Maculata Place Shepparton Villages  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 80 | VIC | McGregor Gardens Aged Care - Menarock Life | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 81 | VIC | Mecwacare John Atchison Centre  | 81 | 44 | 0 | 37 | 36 | 18 | N |
| 82 | VIC | Mercy Place Dandenong | 21 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 3 | N |
| 83 | VIC | Mercy Place Montrose  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 84 | VIC | Mercy Place Parkville  | 94 | 57 | 3 | 37 | 29 | 15 | N |
| 85 | VIC | Mercy Place Wyndham  | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | Y |
| 86 | VIC | Montefiore Homes Community Residence - Jewish Care Hannah and Daryl Cohen Centre Windsor Aged Care Facility  | 66 | 33 | 30 | 33 | 29 | 2 | N |
| 87 | VIC | Opal Hobsons Bay Altona North  | 14 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | N |
| 88 | VIC | Opal South Valley  | 56 | 32 | 24 | 24 | 22 | 8 | N |
| 80 | VIC | Outlook Gardens Aged Care  | 99 | 41 | 25 | 58 | 57 | 10 | N |
| 90 | VIC | P.S. Hobson Nursing Home  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Y |
| 91 | VIC | Point Cook Manor Aged Care  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 92 | VIC | Princeton View  | 68 | 28 | 4 | 40 | 22 | 4 | N |
| 93 | VIC | Rathdowne Place Aged Care, Carlton  | 9 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 0 | Y |
| 94 | VIC | Regis Brighton  | 67 | 25 | 16 | 42 | 41 | 9 | N |
| 95 | VIC | Regis Cranbourne  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 96 | VIC | Regis Fawkner  | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | N |
| 97 | VIC | Regis Macleod  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 98 | VIC | Riddell Gardens, Sunbury  | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | N |
| 99 | VIC | Rosehill Aged Care - Menarock Life | 81 | 50 | 33 | 31 | 29 | 16 | N |
| 100 | VIC | Royal Freemasons - Monash Gardens  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 101 | VIC | Royal Freemasons Bacchus Marsh  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 102 | VIC | Ruckers Hill - BlueCross | 104 | 48 | 7 | 56 | 53 | 11 | N |
| 103 | VIC | Sheriden Aged Care (Kyabram District Health Service) | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 104 | VIC | St Basil's Home for the Aged in Victoria  | 183 | 92 | 39 | 91 | 90 | 44 | N |
| 105 | VIC | St Vincent Care Services Eltham  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 106 | VIC | Sutton Park Assisted Aged Care | 74 | 46 | 4 | 28 | 19 | 7 | N |
| 107 | VIC | Talbot Place  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Y |
| 108 | VIC | Twin Parks Aged Care - Reservoir  | 125 | 79 | 41 | 46 | 42 | 21 | N |
| 109 | VIC | Uniting Agewell Box Hill  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 110 | VIC | Uniting AgeWell Kingsville  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 111 | VIC | Villa Maria Catholic Homes Berwick Aged Care Residence  | 8 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 112 | VIC | Villa Maria Catholic Homes St Bernadette's Aged Care Residence  | 16 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 3 | N |
| 113 | VIC | Village Glen Aged Care Residences - Mornington  | 40 | 21 | 16 | 19 | 18 | 5 | N |
| 114 | VIC | Westernport Nursing Home  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | N |
| 115 | VIC | Westgarth - BlueCross | 31 | 14 | 7 | 17 | 15 | 6 | N |

1. A death is reported when a person with COVID-19 dies, irrespective of the cause of death [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In respect to Newmarch, the 19 deaths includes 2 people who died with COVID-19 but were considered to have passed away from other causes. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)