



COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

National Snapshot

Data as at 0800 on 11 September 2020

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

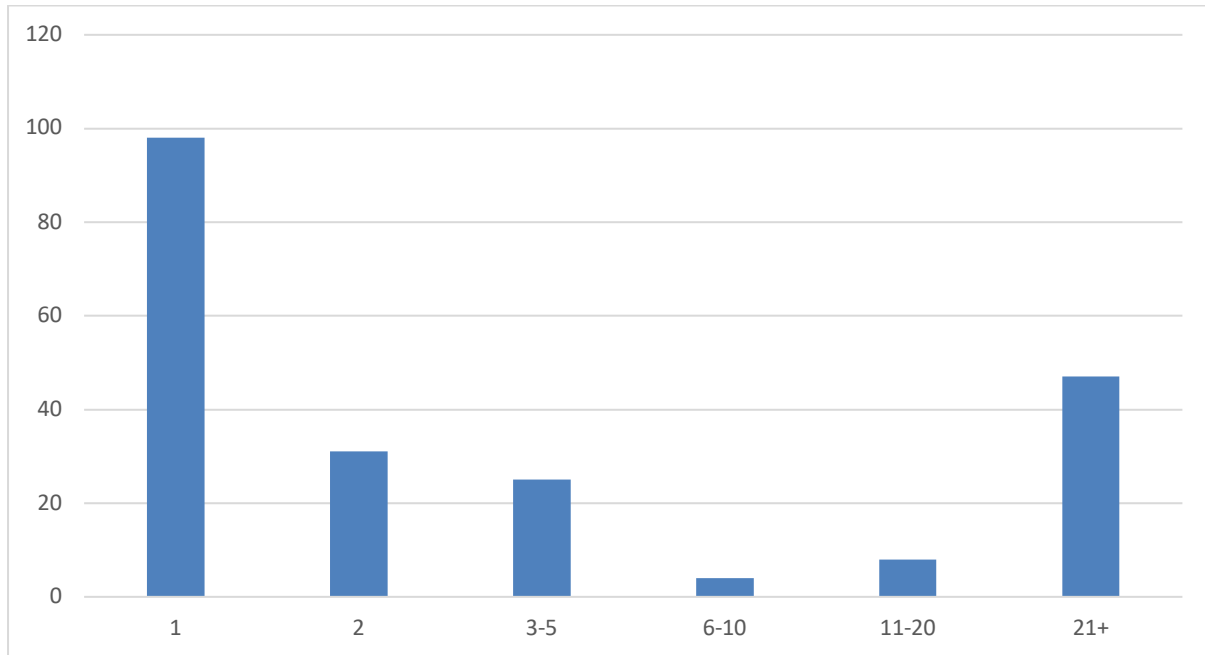
Current situation in Australia

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.

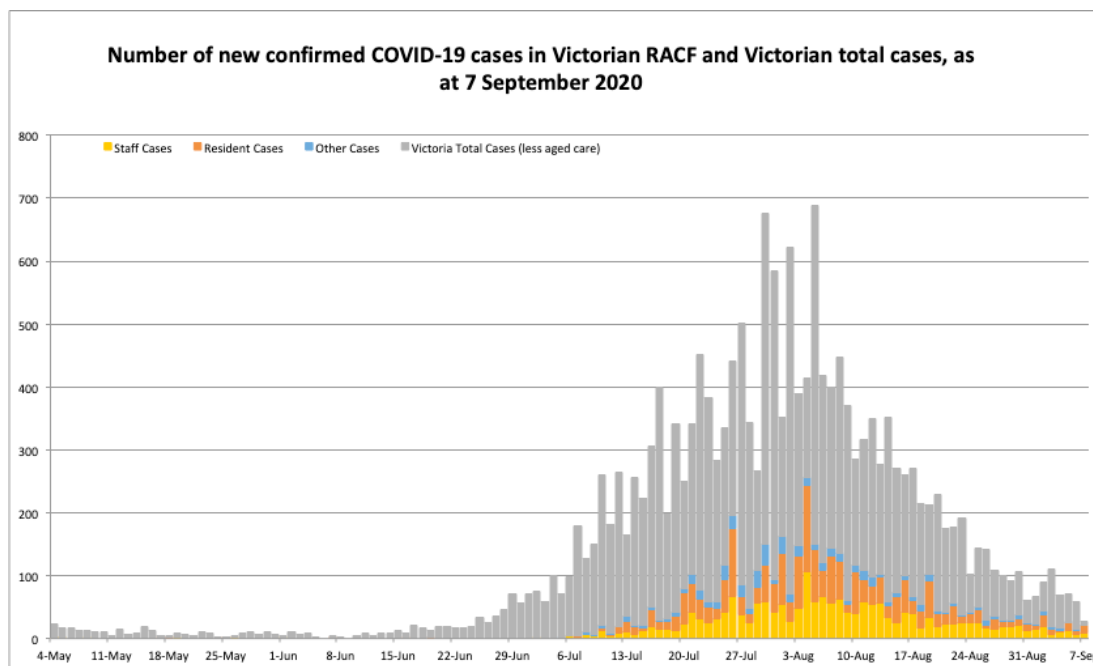
- Of these, a total of 19,728 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Victoria, including 1483 active cases, 17,484 recovered cases and 701 deaths.

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.

Agency	Resources supplied
State and NACER (National Aged Care Emergency Response) Teams	Tasmanian Government: 9 clinical and 1 support staff Western Australian Government: 12 clinical personnel NACER: 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.

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	Resident total	Resident resolved	Staff total	Staff resolved	Resident deaths 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	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	Aurum Plenty	82	47	32	35	35	13	N
12	VIC	Aurum Reservoir	3	0	0	3	3	0	N

¹ A death is reported when a person with COVID-19 dies, irrespective of the cause of death

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.

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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

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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

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44	VIC	Doutta Galla Wornack	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

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60	VIC	Froniditha 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	Kalyana Care	100	58	6	42	36	24	N
75	VIC	Kirkbrae Presbyterian Homes	115	61	40	54	54	20	N

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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

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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

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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