COVID‑19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

National snapshot

**Table 1:** Aged care COVID-19 data as at 0800 on 9 October 2020

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| Active outbreaks: | 35 |
| Active resident cases: | 21 |
| Active staff cases: | 15 |
| Deaths: | 669 |
| Total number of residential aged care facilities that have had an outbreak | 216[[1]](#footnote-2) |
| Total number of outbreaks at residential aged care facilities | 221[[2]](#footnote-3) |
| Number of residential aged care facilities with resolved outbreaks | 181 (186 outbreaks closed) |
| Number of residential aged care facilities with only one case (resident or staff member) of COVID-19 | 95 |
| Total resident cases | 2028 |
| Resolved resident cases | 1338 |
| Total staff cases | 2217 |
| Resolved staff cases | 2202 |

Analysis

**Current situation in Australia**

In Australia, a total of 27,206 cases of COVID-19 have been reported, including 251 active cases and 897 deaths.

* Of these, a total of 20,247 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Victoria, including 203 active cases and 809 deaths.

There are 35 residential aged care facilities currently with active COVID-19 cases. All facilities are in Victoria.

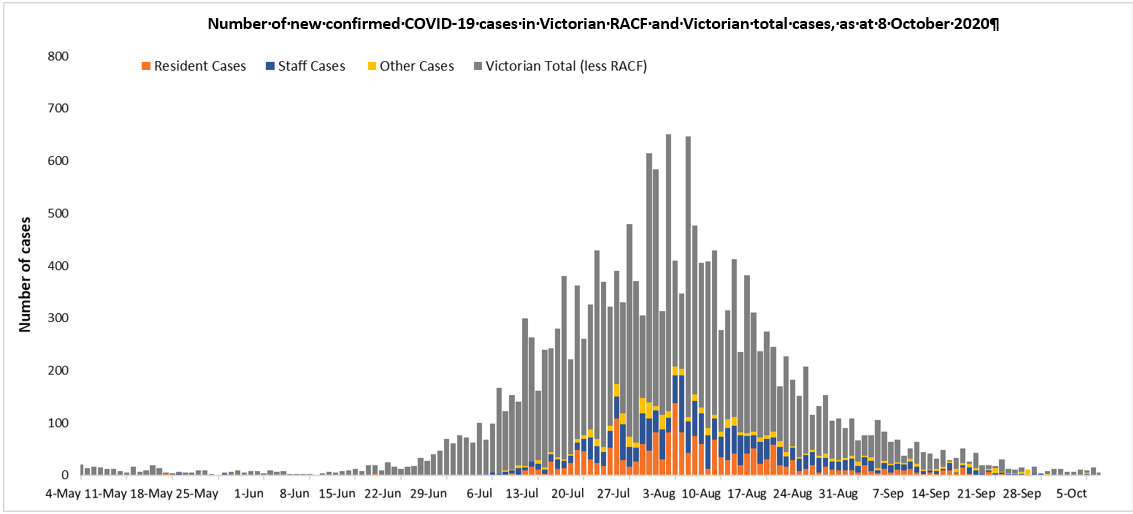
Of the 35 residential aged care facilities with active COVID-19 outbreaks, 29 facilities have one or no actives cases. The outbreaks at the facilities with no active cases remain open for a period of enhanced surveillance until resolved by the Public Health Unit.

There has been no new active aged care resident cases since 26 September 2020.

**Figure 1:** Distribution of Australian residential aged care facilities by total number of cases of COVID-19 (includes staff and resident cases)

Of the 216 residential aged care facilities that have had a case(s) of COVID-19, 95 facilities or 44 per cent have a single case of COVID-19 case.

**Figure 2:** Comparison of aged care transmission with community transmission in Victoria



Source: Victorian Aged Care Response Centre (VACRC)

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

**National comparison of 2020 residential aged care deaths with previous year and influenza comparisons[[3]](#footnote-4)**

Across the 2020 calendar year to 31 July, the total number of people who have passed away in residential aged care is 32,398. The lower number of deaths in 2020 in the data available to date (32,398) compared to the same point in 2019 (33,383) 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 1,021 older Australians dying from influenza.
* In 2019, 815 older Australians died from influenza.
* In 2020, 28 older Australians have died from influenza to date.

**International comparisons**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, no country has been able to avoid outbreaks or deaths in residential aged care when there has been widespread community transmission.

The Australian death rate is 0.37 per cent (3.7 in 1,000) against the total number of residential aged care beds across the country, and predominantly limited to recent tragic events in Victoria.

As at 7 October 2020, Canada has experienced 9,353 deaths from COVID-19, with 7,115 (or 76 per cent) of these in care homes.

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 1,000.

**Table 2**: Workforce resources supplied to residential aged care facilities

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| Agency | Resources Supplied (as at 5 October 2020) |
| **State and NACER (National Aged Care Emergency Response) Teams** | Tasmanian Government: 7 clinical and 2 support staff.  Western Australian Government: 19 clinical personnel and  4 support staff.  South Australian Government: 18 clinical personnel and  4 support staff.  12 NACER teams (76 personnel) have been deployed. The NACER deployment is now complete. |
| **AUSMAT** | Completed 174 visits to 80 aged care facilities. |
| **Australian Defence Force** | Have visited 592 facilities conducting clinical screens, and conducted a total number of 652 preventative support. |
| **Recruitment, Consulting, and Staffing Association (RCSA)** | Staff supplied to fill 24,086 shifts. |
| **Healthcare Australia** | Staff supplied filled 4,422 shifts for workforce surge and  2,190 shifts for NACER teams. |
| **Mable** | Supplied staff to fill 2,726 shifts. |
| **Aspen Medical** | Supplied staff to fill 614 roles including clinical first responder deployments. |
| **Health X** | Supplied 37 staff to fill 865 shifts. |
| **Torrens Health** | Supplied staff to fill 565 shifts. |
| **Western Health** | Visited 37 facilities to provide assistance. Western health have finished their contract. |
| **Residential Aged Care Assistants (RACA)** | Supplied 54 RACAs to six facilities that have completed  628 shifts. |
| **Residential Aged Care Safety Observers (RACSO)** | Supplied 47 RACSOs to 18 facilities that have completed 1,001 shifts. |

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 Commonwealth 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 53 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 9 October 2020, the NMS has provided aged care facilities with approximately:

* 17 million masks
* 4 million gowns
* 11 million gloves
* 4 million goggles and face shields
* 90,000 bottles of hand sanitiser
* 160,000 clinical waste bags.

As announced by the Minister for Health and the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians on the 30 September 2020, an additional seven million P2/N95 respirators from the National Medical Stockpile have been made available to residential aged care facilities in Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire to further supress COVID-19 infection rates.

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 29 September, Sonic Healthcare has conducted 175,687 COVID‑19 tests at 1,983 unique residential aged care facilities nationally. This includes 155,023 COVID‑19 tests at 557 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 Public Health Unit.

Regular testing of asymptomatic aged care workers in Victoria will commence shortly.

Infection control and audits

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Commission) commenced additional Infection Control Monitoring visits in Victoria from 3 August 2020 in response to the increasing risk of COVID-19 outbreaks in residential aged care services, following significant community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria.

The purpose of the visit is 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.

The Commission has extended the infection control monitoring program rolled out in Victoria, into other jurisdictions, working in partnership with local health authorities. This program is in addition to the Commission’s usual assessment and auditing program, and includes spot checks to residential aged care services, without an outbreak, to check compliance with PPE and infection control arrangements. This program in Victoria has been complemented by compliance checks to 593 residential aged care facilities by Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, and 37 facilities by Western Health personnel.

From 1 March 2020, the Commission has undertaken 1,127 visits, including spot checks, nationally relating to infection control through a combination of announced and unannounced monitoring visits and on-site infection control monitoring spot checks.

Under the Commonwealth-State Plan to boost preparedness, states and territories are complementing the activity being undertaken by the Commission through additional site visits by state health services at the local level. These visits are strengthening state health service relationships with local aged care services as part of the standing up of joint health aged care emergency response centres in each jurisdiction.

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

Victorian data is from the Public Health Events Surveillance System (PHESS). Case data for residential aged care facilities in all states except Victoria is collected by the Commonwealth Government.

| No | State | Residential Aged Care Facility | Total Cases | Resident total | Resident resolved | Staff total | Staff Resolved | Resident deaths[[4]](#footnote-5) | Resolved (Y/N) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | NSW | Dorothy Henderson Lodge, BaptistCare | 22 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 6 | Y |
| 2 | NSW | Newmarch House Aged Care Facility | 71 | 37 | 18 | 34 | 34 | 19[[5]](#footnote-6) | 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 | 15 | Y |
| 8 | VIC | Arcare Maidstone | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | N |
| 9 | VIC | Arcare Sydenham | 48 | 22 | 16 | 26 | 26 | 6 | N |
| 10 | VIC | Assisi Centre Aged Care | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 11 | VIC | Aurrum Plenty | 83 | 47 | 34 | 36 | 36 | 13 | Y |
| 12 | VIC | Aurrum Reservoir | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 13 | VIC | Avonlea Grange Hostel | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 14 | VIC | Baptcare Brookview Community | 20 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 1 | N |
| 15 | VIC | Baptcare Strathalan Community | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Y |
| 16 | VIC | Baptcare The Orchards Community | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 17 | VIC | Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community | 233 | 101 | 70 | 132 | 131 | 30 | N |
| 18 | VIC | Benetas St George's | 69 | 32 | 20 | 37 | 37 | 12 | N |
| 19 | VIC | Bill Crawford Lodge | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 20 | VIC | BlueCross Autumdale | 54 | 24 | 11 | 30 | 30 | 13 | Y |
| 21 | VIC | BlueCross Baradine | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 22 | VIC | BlueCross Chelsea Manor | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | Y |
| 23 | VIC | Bluecross Elly Kay | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 24 | VIC | BlueCross Ivanhoe | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | Y |
| 25 | VIC | BlueCross Riverlea (1st Outbreak) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 26 | VIC | BlueCross Riverlea (2nd Outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | N |
| 27 | VIC | BlueCross Ruckers Hill | 108 | 48 | 36 | 60 | 60 | 12 | N |
| 28 | VIC | BlueCross Silverwood | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 29 | VIC | BlueCross The Boulevard | 68 | 36 | 22 | 32 | 32 | 14 | Y |
| 30 | VIC | BlueCross Westgarth | 32 | 14 | 8 | 18 | 18 | 6 | Y |
| 31 | VIC | Boyne Russell House | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 32 | VIC | Bupa Edithvale | 78 | 44 | 26 | 34 | 34 | 17 | Y |
| 33 | VIC | Bupa Greensborough | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 34 | VIC | Bupa Sunshine | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 35 | VIC | Bupa Templestowe | 11 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 2 | Y |
| 36 | VIC | Bupa Traralgon | 19 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 2 | Y |
| 37 | VIC | Bupa Woodend | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | Y |
| 38 | VIC | Campbell Place Aged Care Facility | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 39 | VIC | Chomley House Hostel | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 40 | VIC | Churches of Christ Care Arcadia Aged Care Service Essendon | 22 | 10 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 4 | N |
| 41 | VIC | Coppin Centre Melbourne | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 42 | VIC | Craigcare Moonee Ponds | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 43 | VIC | Craigcare Pascoe Vale | 94 | 47 | 31 | 47 | 47 | 16 | N |
| 44 | VIC | Cumberland Manor | 107 | 53 | 42 | 54 | 54 | 11 | Y |
| 45 | VIC | Doutta Galla Footscray Aged Care Facility (1st Outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 46 | VIC | Doutta Galla Footscray Aged Care Facility (2nd Outbreak) | 56 | 30 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 8 | Y |
| 47 | VIC | Doutta Galla Lynch's Bridge Aged Care Facility | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 48 | VIC | Doutta Galla Woornack Aged Care Facility | 42 | 20 | 12 | 22 | 22 | 8 | N |
| 49 | VIC | Doutta Galla Yarraville Village Aged Care Facility | 85 | 42 | 25 | 43 | 43 | 17 | Y |
| 50 | VIC | Edenvale Manor Aged Care Facility | 20 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | N |
| 51 | VIC | Embracia in Reservoir (1st Outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 52 | VIC | Embracia in Reservoir (2nd Outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 53 | VIC | Embracia Moonee Valley | 58 | 26 | 16 | 32 | 29 | 9 | N |
| 54 | VIC | Epping Gardens | 190 | 103 | 65 | 87 | 87 | 38 | N |
| 55 | VIC | Estia Health Ardeer | 134 | 49 | 32 | 85 | 85 | 17 | Y |
| 56 | VIC | Estia Health Glen Waverley | 7 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | Y |
| 57 | VIC | Estia Health Heidelberg West | 97 | 29 | 19 | 68 | 67 | 10 | N |
| 58 | VIC | Estia Health Keilor (1st Outbreak) | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 59 | VIC | Estia Health Keilor (2nd Outbreak) | 41 | 24 | 8 | 17 | 11 | 5 | N |
| 60 | VIC | Estia Health Keysborough | 21 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 13 | 3 | N |
| 61 | VIC | Estia Health Ringwood (1st Outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 62 | VIC | Estia Health Ringwood (2nd Outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | N |
| 63 | VIC | Estia Health South Morang | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 64 | VIC | Florence Aged Care Facility | 46 | 28 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 8 | Y |
| 65 | VIC | Fronditha Thalpori Aged Care Services - St Albans | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Y |
| 66 | VIC | Glendale Aged Care | 92 | 45 | 29 | 47 | 47 | 16 | N |
| 67 | VIC | Glenlyn Aged Care Facility | 63 | 40 | 36 | 23 | 23 | 4 | Y |
| 68 | VIC | Grace Of Mary Greek Cypriot Elderly Hostel | 55 | 22 | 11 | 33 | 33 | 11 | N |
| 69 | VIC | Grant Lodge Aged Care Facility (1st Outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 70 | VIC | Grant Lodge Aged Care Facility (2nd Outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 71 | VIC | HammondCare - Caulfield Village Aged Care Facility | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Y |
| 72 | VIC | Holloway Aged Care Services | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Y |
| 73 | VIC | James Barker House | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 74 | VIC | Japara Central Park | 40 | 18 | 15 | 22 | 22 | 3 | N |
| 75 | VIC | Japara Elanora | 62 | 31 | 20 | 31 | 31 | 11 | N |
| 76 | VIC | Japara Goonawarra | 102 | 53 | 33 | 49 | 48 | 20 | N |
| 77 | VIC | Japara Millward | 36 | 19 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 4 | Y |
| 78 | VIC | Japara The Regent | 42 | 21 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 3 | Y |
| 79 | VIC | Kalyna Care | 101 | 57 | 31 | 44 | 44 | 26 | N |
| 80 | VIC | Kirkbrae Kilsyth Nursing Home | 115 | 61 | 41 | 54 | 54 | 20 | Y |
| 81 | VIC | Liscombe House | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 82 | VIC | Little Sisters of the Poor St Joseph's Home | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Y |
| 83 | VIC | Lynden Aged Care | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 84 | VIC | Maculata Place Shepparton ViIllages | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 85 | VIC | Mecwacare John Atchison Centre | 83 | 44 | 26 | 39 | 39 | 18 | Y |
| 86 | VIC | Melbourne Hebrew Memorial Nursing Home | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 87 | VIC | Menarock Life Emmavale Gardens | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 88 | VIC | Menarock Life Essendon Aged Care | 47 | 20 | 13 | 27 | 27 | 7 | Y |
| 89 | VIC | Menarock Life McGregor Gardens Aged Care | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 90 | VIC | Menarock Life Rosehill Aged Care Facility | 82 | 51 | 35 | 31 | 31 | 16 | Y |
| 91 | VIC | Mercy Place Dandenong | 21 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 3 | Y |
| 92 | VIC | Mercy Place Montrose | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 93 | VIC | Mercy Place Parkville | 95 | 58 | 36 | 37 | 37 | 22 | N |
| 94 | VIC | Mercy Place Templestowe | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 95 | VIC | Mercy Place Wyndham | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | Y |
| 96 | VIC | Mitchell House Hostel Morwell | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 97 | VIC | Montefiore Homes Community Residence Jewish Care Hannah and Daryl Cohen Centre Windsor Aged Care Facility | 67 | 33 | 31 | 34 | 34 | 2 | Y |
| 98 | VIC | Opal Hobsons Bay Altona North | 37 | 22 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 7 | N |
| 99 | VIC | Opal South Valley | 57 | 32 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 8 | Y |
| 100 | VIC | Outlook Gardens Aged Care | 99 | 41 | 28 | 58 | 58 | 13 | N |
| 101 | VIC | Point Cook Manor Aged Care | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 102 | VIC | Princeton View | 70 | 27 | 18 | 43 | 43 | 9 | N |
| 103 | VIC | Rathdowne Place Carlton | 9 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 0 | Y |
| 104 | VIC | Regis Brighton | 67 | 25 | 14 | 42 | 42 | 11 | N |
| 105 | VIC | Regis Cranbourne | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 106 | VIC | Regis Fawkner | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Y |
| 107 | VIC | Regis Macleod | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 108 | VIC | Riddell Gardens Hostel | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Y |
| 109 | VIC | Royal Freemasons Bacchus Marsh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 110 | VIC | Royal Freemasons Gregory Lodge | 66 | 39 | 24 | 27 | 27 | 15 | N |
| 111 | VIC | Royal Freemasons Monash Gardens Hostel | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 112 | VIC | Sheridan Aged Care (Kyabram District Health Service) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 113 | VIC | St Basil's Homes for the Aged in Victoria | 189 | 94 | 49 | 95 | 95 | 45 | Y |
| 114 | VIC | St Vincent's Care Services Eltham - Eltham Lodge | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 115 | VIC | Sutton Park Assisted Aged Care | 77 | 46 | 39 | 31 | 31 | 7 | N |
| 116 | VIC | Twin Parks Aged Care Centre | 125 | 79 | 57 | 46 | 46 | 22 | Y |
| 117 | VIC | Uniting AgeWell Box Hill | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 118 | VIC | Uniting AgeWell Kingsville | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |
| 119 | VIC | Uniting AgeWell Preston (1st outbreak) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y |
| 120 | VIC | Uniting AgeWell Preston (2nd Outbreak) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | N |
| 121 | VIC | Villa Maria Catholic Homes Berwick Aged Care Residence | 8 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 122 | VIC | Villa Maria Catholic Homes Corpus Christi Aged Care Residence | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | Y |
| 123 | VIC | Villa Maria Catholic Homes St Bernadette's Aged Care Residence | 17 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 13 | 3 | N |
| 124 | VIC | Village Glen Aged Care Residences - Mornington | 39 | 21 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 5 | Y |
| 125 | VIC | Westernport Nursing Home | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Y |

1. This number has decreased by one due to the removal of a facility that had only an ‘other’

   COVID-19 case. ‘Other represents epidemiologically related cases that are neither staff nor residents of the facility. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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   COVID-19 case. ‘Other represents epidemiologically related cases that are neither staff nor residents of the facility. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Data in the Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) is subject to retrospective review by jurisdictions and may change periodically. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. In Victoria, a death is reported when a person with COVID-19 dies during an active outbreak at an aged care facility, irrespective of the cause of death. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. In respect to Newmarch House, the 19 includes the deaths of two residents who had COVID-19 but were considered to have passed away from other causes. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)