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Thanks Rhonda and team.

[s 22](#) this came up in the briefing and was also referred to in the presser. Not sure how best to feed this into the media cycle.

Crucial point on benefit of vaccine – higher mortality over 60 which rises sharply with each decade of life.

Brendan, John [s 47F](#) – in case it comes up.

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Hi Paul,

Please find below a table of mortality of Australian confirmed cases by 10 year age group.

- COVID-19 associated mortality risk increases with increasing age, especially among older populations and those with co-morbidities.
- The mortality rate among cases aged 60 years and over was 14%.

### COVID-19 confirmed cases and associated deaths, since January 2020

Source: National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) extracted 17 June 2021

Age Group	Died	Total Cases	%Died
0-9	0	1,652	0.0%

10-19	0	2,523	0.0%
20-29	1	6,669	0.0%
30-39	2	5,464	0.0%
40-49	2	3,917	0.1%
50-59	15	3,527	0.4%
60-69	38	2,495	1.5%
70-79	157	1,661	9.5%
80-89	380	1,283	29.6%
90-99	303	762	39.8%
100-109	12	21	57.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>29,974</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

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