



COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 27 October 2022 there are 1,203 active COVID-19 cases in 196 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 73 new outbreaks, 18 new resident deaths and 1,069 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 20 October 2022.

Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 27 October 20221

Category	Active ²	Previous 7 days	Cumulative Total	Previous 7 days
Outbreaks ³	196	-18	8,514	73
Residential Aged Care Facilities affected	196	-18	2,737	3
Resident Cases ⁴	834	90	95,790	731
Resident Deaths ⁵	N/A	N/A	4,082	18
Staff Cases	369	53	61,284	338

Residential aged care homes with active outbreaks are included in Appendix 1.

Table 2: Overview of Active Outbreaks in Australia

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Total Facilities with outbreaks	3	38	0	29	29	5	52	40	196
Total number of active resident cases	3	152	0	79	120	16	237	227	834
Total number of active staff cases	0	81	0	41	40	2	77	128	369
Total Outbreaks Opened since last Report	1	12	0	8	7	3	32	10	73
Total Outbreaks Closed Since last Report	0	29	1	13	10	4	31	3	91

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.

² Active residents and staff cases are the total currently positive cases in active outbreaks

³ An outbreak is considered to be active pending advice from the relevant Public Health Unit. An outbreak is defined as at least 1 positive case in a resident or 2+ cases in staff.

⁴ Case numbers and numbers of deaths are dependent upon reporting from facilities and validation of deaths from state and territory governments. This is subject to change as further information is provided.

Figure 1: National Outbreak Trends in Aged Care⁵

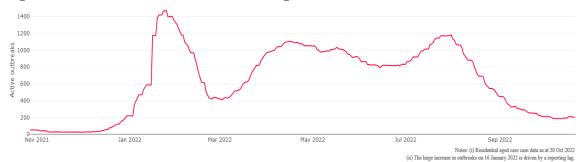


Figure 2: Trends in Aged Care Cases - January 2022 to Present



Mortality

For the period of 1 January to 27 October 2022, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 6.2 per cent of all deaths in permanent residents in aged care facilities.

Since the beginning of the Omicron outbreak in late November 2021, there have been 56,193 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 29 November to 24 October 2022)⁶. COVID-19 deaths account for 5.7 per cent of this figure.

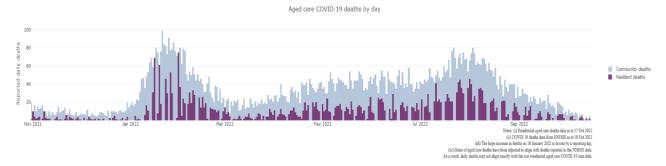
Over the course of the pandemic, all-cause excess mortality in Residential Aged Care was below expected numbers in 2020, and within expected range in 2021.

⁵ For Figures 1, 2 and 3:

⁽i) Changes in the status of exposure sites to outbreaks (and vice versa) have been applied retrospectively to facility records - these changes impact the total staff cases, resident cases, and/or resident deaths reported (ii) For outbreaks that have re-opened due to subsequent case information received, days when the outbreak were previously reported as recovered have been retrospectively corrected to active – as a result the historic total number of daily active outbreaks are subject to change and may not align with the last published reports.

⁶ 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.

Figure 3 -COVID-19 Deaths in Residential Aged Care Facilities overlaid with Community deaths



Workforce in active residential aged care outbreaks

As at 28 October 2022, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 142,496 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 858 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 27 October) surge workforce providers have assisted 38 residential aged care homes. These shifts include roles for GPs, nurses, care workers, allied health workers, executive and ancillary staff. This includes:

Table 3: Workforce resources supplied to residential aged care facilities

Workforce provider	Total Shifts	Previous 7 days
Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association	89,208	423
Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge)	12,339	28
Healthcare Australia (NACER)	2,295	N/A
Mable	2,711	N/A
Aspen Medical	19,572	151
HealthX	12,316	256
Torrens	4,055	N/A

As at 30 September 2022 the Australian Defence Force had provided support to a total of 542 residential aged care homes since February 2022. The ADF deployment ceased on 30 September 2022.

Oral antiviral treatments

Distribution of the oral anti-viral Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) commenced on 6 February 2022 to all RACFs with outbreak sites prioritised for delivery. The National Medical Stockpile has deployed 48,269 treatment courses of Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) to aged care facilities.

29,820 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 759 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 23 October 2022.

Vaccination in Residential Aged Care Facilities

The Australian Government's COVID-19 vaccination program is delivering in-reach vaccine services for aged care residents and workers across Australia, through Commonwealth vaccine providers, primary care and self-vaccination services by aged care providers.

The Government continues to provide all residential aged care facilities with access to COVID vaccination clinics to ensure residents have every opportunity to get their fourth dose. As at 20 October 2022, there are currently 147,243 residents eligible for fourth doses. In total 122,902 residents (83.5% of eligible residents) have received a fourth dose, noting more residents have become eligible following recent infection.

As at 28 October 2022, a total of 595,646 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to residents in residential aged care facilities. Information is now received from the Australian Immunisation Register, meaning reported numbers may differ from previous reports. Information from the Australian Immunisation Register provides a more accurate representation of residents currently in residential aged care.

	Re	esidential a	aged care f	ourth dose	vaccinatio	n summar	/		
	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT
Total residents who have received a fourth dose	122,902	39,138	33,969	23,569	10,529	10,652	3,049	298	1,698
Percentage against total residents*	(68.8%)	(68.3%)	(73.5%)	(65.4%)	(68.4%)	(64.4%)	(69.3%)	(63.8%)	(75.2%)
Percentage against eligible residents (interval only)**	(81.4%)	(79.4%)	(85.6%)	(79.5%)	(81.4%)	(79.2%)	(82.9%)	(78.4%)	(86.9%)
Percentage against eligible residents (interval and case overlay)***	(83.5%)	(81.8%)	(87.3%)	(81.2%)	(83.9%)	(81.9%)	(84.8%)	(81.5%)	(88.7%)

Sources: Aged care AIR data as at 26 October 2022, AIR mapping file for residents in permanent residential RACFs as at 2 September 2022, AUS-CAIRS aged care resident case data as at 27 October 2022.

Infection control and audits

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Commission) conducts a range of site and non-site activities to monitor and assess residential aged care services, including site audits and assessment contacts (site and non-site) (see Table 5 below). In August 2020, the Commission commenced an infection control monitoring (ICM) spot check program in all Australian jurisdictions.

The ICM spot check program involves on-site visits to residential aged care services, without an outbreak, to check compliance with personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection control arrangements. The purpose of the ICM spot check is to observe infection control practices, to ensure that staff, management and visitors were adhering to safe personal protective equipment protocols and to safe infection control arrangements as required under the quality standards.

As at 27 October 2022, the Commission had conducted 4,043 ICM spot checks to observe

^{*} Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents) total residents in Commonwealth funded positions in residential aged care facilities

[&]quot;Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents) over total residents who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over 3 months ago (this may include the third primary course dose for severely immunocompromised residents)

[&]quot;Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents) over total residents who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over 3 months ago with case overlay applied (this may include the third primary course dose for severely immunocompromised residents). Eligible residents have been reduced by an estimate of the number of COVID cases in the facility. The number of cases is calculated by the number of cases self-reported through AUS-CAIRS over the last 90 days adjusted by the fourth dose vaccination rate in a facility (percentage by eligible residents).

infection control practices and PPE protocols in residential aged care facilities.

Table 5: Total Quality Assessment and Monitoring Activities with residential services (including IPC), by type and month 1 March 2020 to 27 October 2022

Regulatory Activities	2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (to 27 October 2022)	Total
Site visits	318	3,452	1,733	970	6,473
Non-site activities	3,709	8,391	6,666	766	19,532
Total activities	4,027	11,843	8,399	1,736	26,005

Appendix 1: National residential aged care services with Active outbreaks COVID-19

Please note, information reported in this table has been directly reported to the Department of Health and Aged Care by residential aged care facilities. 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, facilities are able to correct these in the COVID-19 Support Portal through My Aged Care. Where a facility 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).

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Incidents
BaptistCare Griffith	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting Amala Gordon ACT	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Warrigal Care Calwell	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Advantaged Care at Georges Manor	New South Wales	<6	<6	0	<6
Banyula Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	9
Blacktown Terrace Care Community	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Catholic Healthcare Blakeney Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	n/p
Catholic Healthcare Jemalong Residential Village	New South Wales	0	12	6	18
Catholic Healthcare The Sister Anne Court Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Dudley Foord House	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Eileen Armstrong House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Grasmere Terrace	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Heritage Botany	New South Wales	0	13	<6	n/p
Hippocrates Aged Care Centre	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Horton House and Warmington Lodge	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Hunters Hill Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
IRT Berala on the Park	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Japara The Brelsford	New South Wales	0	10	<6	n/p
Jesmond Aged Care	New South Wales	0	26	8	34
Maroba Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
Mater Christi Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	12	<6	n/p
Mercy Place Mount St Joseph's	New South Wales	0	24	10	34
Murray House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Regis Port Stephens	New South Wales	0	9	8	17

		Resident	Resident	0. 55 0	Total
Service Name	State	Deaths	Cases	Staff Cases	Incidents
Riverwood Hostel	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Roden Cutler Lodge	New South Wales	<6	6	<6	n/p
Russian Relief Association of St Sergius of Radonezh	New South Wales	<6	<6	0	<6
Scalabrini Village Griffith	New South Wales	0	21	<6	n/p
Southern Cross Care Parkes Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	19	13	32
St Agnes Site	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
St Elizabeth Home	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Teloca House Hostel	New South Wales	<6	<6	<6	7
The Whiddon Group - Belmont	New South Wales	<6	6	9	15
The Whiddon Group - River Gum Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Turramurra House Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Uniting Edinglassie Emu Plains	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Uniting Springwood	New South Wales	<6	19	11	30
Uniting Tumut	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
Viewhaven Lodge	New South Wales	0	12	<6	n/p
Wahroonga House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Winston Hillside Care Community	New South Wales	0	18	<6	n/p
Anam Cara	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
Berrinba Greens Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Blue Care Mareeba Aged Care Facility	Queensland	0	6	<6	n/p
Bolton Clarke Galleon Gardens	Queensland	0	9	6	15
Bolton Clarke Inverpine	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Bupa Runaway Bay	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Caravonica Waters	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Carinity Cedarbrook	Queensland	0	18	7	25
Churches of Christ Gracehaven Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	10	10	20
Infinite Care Edmonton Gardens	Queensland	0	8	<6	n/p
Maryborough Community Aged Care	Queensland	0	23	19	42

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Service Name	State	Deaths	Cases	Staff Cases	Incidents
Morayfield Grove Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
North Rockhampton Nursing Centre	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Ozcare Ozanam Villa - Burleigh	Queensland	0	19	<6	n/p
Palm Lake Aged Care Deception Bay	Queensland	0	9	<6	n/p
Regis Sandgate - Lucinda	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Sippy Downs	Queensland	0	15	7	22
Regis The Gap	Queensland	0	12	<6	n/p
Sandbrook Assisted Aged Care	Queensland	0	31	12	43
Southern Cross Care Stretton Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
St Nicholas Aged Care	Queensland	0	14	<6	n/p
St Paul de Chartres Residential Aged Care	Queensland	0	6	<6	n/p
St Vincent's Care Services Bardon	Queensland	0	13	6	19
Sunnymeade Park Aged Care Community	Queensland	0	14	13	27
The Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
TriCare Mermaid Beach Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	6	<6	n/p
Wheller Gardens - Emmaus Village	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
Whiddon Beaudesert Star	Queensland	0	<6	<6	n/p
Woombye Care	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
ACH Group Residential Care - Highercombe	South Australia	0	6	0	6
ACH Group Residential Care - ViTA	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
ACH Group Residential Care - Yankalilla Centre	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Alwyndor Aged Care	South Australia	0	11	<6	n/p
Ardrossan Community Hostel	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Barossa Village Incorporated	South Australia	0	<6	8	n/p
Bethsalem Care	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Coorong Health Service - Tailem Bend MPS	South Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
Edenfield Family Care - Nerrilda	South Australia	0	31	10	41
Estia Health Burton	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6

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Helping Hand Aged Care - Carinya	South Australia	0	14	9	23
Japara Oaklands	South Australia	0	9	<6	n/p
Japara The Homestead	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Trevu House	South Australia	<6	26	11	37
Klemzig Residential Care Services	South Australia	0	14	0	14
LHI Glynde	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
LHI Hope Valley	South Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
Matthew Flinders Home Inc	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Murray Mudge	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Parkview Aged Care	South Australia	<6	18	10	28
Resthaven Bellevue Heights	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Riverview Lutheran Rest Home	South Australia	<6	31	10	41
St Joseph's House	South Australia	0	16	8	24
Star Of The Sea Home For The Aged	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Strathalbyn & District Aged Care Facility	South Australia	<6	12	11	23
The Carlyle on Cross	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
The Churchill Retreat	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Torrens Valley Aged Care	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Wakefield Aged Care Service	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Baptcare Karingal Community Care	Tasmania	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Sandhill	Tasmania	0	6	0	6
Sandown Apartments	Tasmania	0	<6	0	<6
St Ann's	Tasmania	<6	28	0	28
Umina Park Home For The Aged	Tasmania	0	6	<6	n/p
AdventCare Whitehorse	Victoria	0	<6	<6	9
Arcare Carnegie	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
Arcare Castlemaine	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Arcare Portarlington	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p

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Arpad Aged Care	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Ashleigh House Hostel	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
Assisi Centre Aged Care	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Baptcare - Northaven Community	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Benetas St George's	Victoria	0	38	18	56
BSL Aged Care - Clifton Hill	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Bupa Berwick	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Bupa Echuca	Victoria	0	16	<6	n/p
Corryong MPS	Victoria	0	12	9	21
Craigcare Berwick	Victoria	0	<6	<6	7
Dunmunkle Lodge Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Edenvale Manor Aged Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	<6	7
Emerald Hill Residence	Victoria	0	20	<6	n/p
Estia Health Melton South	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Estia Health Ringwood	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Estia Health Wattle Glen	Victoria	0	15	<6	n/p
Forest Lodge Residential Aged Care	Victoria	0	19	0	19
Glendale Aged Care	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
GraniteHill Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Havilah Hostel	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Iona Digby Harris Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Bayview	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Japara George Vowell	Victoria	<6	15	9	24
Japara Mirridong	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Japara Springvale	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Strzelecki House	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Karinya	Victoria	0	<6	6	n/p
Lyndoch Nursing Home	Victoria	0	6	6	12

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Service Name	State	Deaths	Cases	Staff Cases	Incidents
Lyrebird Village for the Aged	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
McGregor Gardens Aged Care	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
mecwacare Elstoft House	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
mecwacare Park Hill	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mercy Place Boronia	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mercy Place East Melbourne	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mount Martha Valley	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Napier Street Aged Care Services	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Nazareth House Camberwell	Victoria	0	7	<6	n/p
Nellie Melba Retirement Village	Victoria	<6	92	7	99
Northern Gardens Aged Care	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Northside Aged Persons Mental Health Residential Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Prague House	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
Royal Freemasons Bendigo	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Sale Gardens Care Community	Victoria	<6	21	7	28
Samkay Health Tyabb	Victoria	0	6	0	6
St John's	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Kew	Victoria	0	7	7	14
Villa Maria Catholic Homes Berwick Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	7	<6	n/p
Villa Maria Catholic Homes Corpus Christi Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Aegis Amberley	Western Australia	0	16	8	24
Aegis Balmoral	Western Australia	0	11	<6	n/p
Aegis Greenfields	Western Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
Aegis The Pines	Western Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Alfred Cove Care Community	Western Australia	0	19	0	19
Alice Ross-King Care Centre	Western Australia	0	14	6	20
Amaroo Village Buckley Caring Centre	Western Australia	0	19	7	26
Amaroo Village McMahon Caring Centre	Western Australia	0	10	<6	n/p

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Applecross Shore Care Community	Western Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
Augusta MPS	Western Australia	0	10	9	19
Baptistcare David Buttfield Centre	Western Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
Baptistcare Gracewood	Western Australia	0	28	11	39
Baptistcare William Carey Court	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Bedingfeld Lodge	Western Australia	0	<6	8	n/p
Bethanie Kingsley	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Brightwater The Cove	Western Australia	0	9	<6	n/p
Brightwater The Oaks	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	6
Capecare	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Carramar Hostel	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Coolibah Care	Western Australia	<6	31	8	39
Craigcare Ascot Waters	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Karingal Green	Western Australia	0	8	0	8
Karri and Tuart Lodge	Western Australia	0	25	<6	n/p
Michael Lee Centre	Western Australia	<6	<6	<6	<6
Midland Nursing Home	Western Australia	0	6	0	6
Murdoch Gardens Care Community	Western Australia	<6	15	<6	n/p
Nazareth House Geraldton	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Osboine Contemporary Aged Care	Western Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
Regents Garden Aubin Grove	Western Australia	<6	29	14	43
Regis Como	Western Australia	0	14	<6	n/p
Regis North Fremantle	Western Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Residency by Dillons Fremantle	Western Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Southern Plus East Fremantle	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
St George's Care Centre	Western Australia	0	26	46	72
Treeby Parklands Care Community	Western Australia	<6	27	<6	n/p
Tuia Lodge	Western Australia	0	10	7	17

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Incidents
Villa Dalmacia Aged Care Facility	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Villa Terenzio	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	7
Vivian Bullwinkel Lodge	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
York MPS	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6