COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

# National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 6 October 2022 there are 856 active COVID-19 cases in 165 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 54 new outbreaks, 14 new resident deaths and 856 combined new resident and staff cases since 28 September 2022[[1]](#footnote-2).

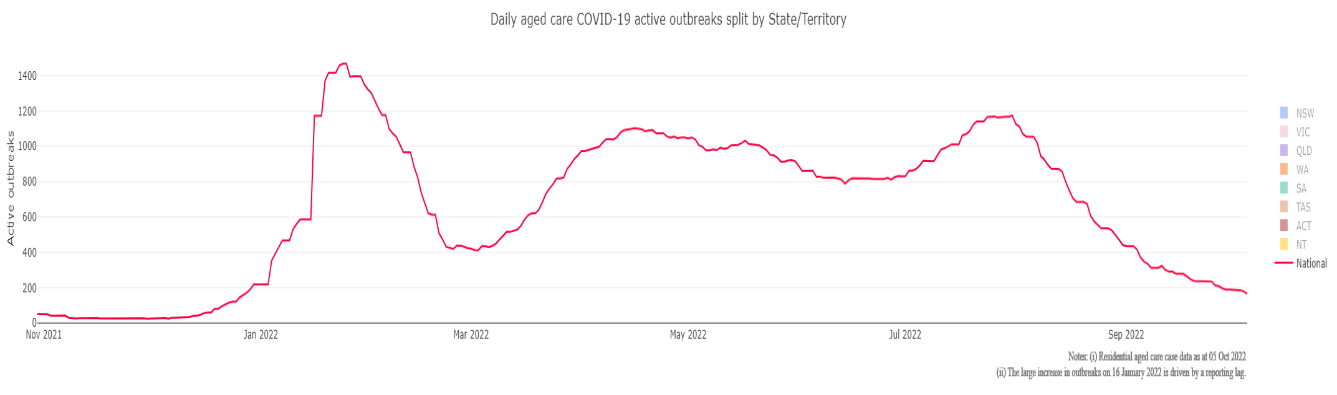
Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 6 October 2022[[2]](#footnote-3)

| Category | Active*[[3]](#footnote-4)* | Previous 7 days | Cumulative Total | Previous 7 days |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Outbreaks[[4]](#footnote-5) | 165 | -32 | 8,274 | 54 |
| Residential Aged Care Facilities affected | 165 | -32 | 2,726 | 1 |
| Resident Cases[[5]](#footnote-6) | 658 | -24 | 93,765 | 586 |
| Resident Deaths5 | N/A | N/A | 4,055 | 14 |
| Staff Cases | 198 | -33 | 60,444 | 169 |

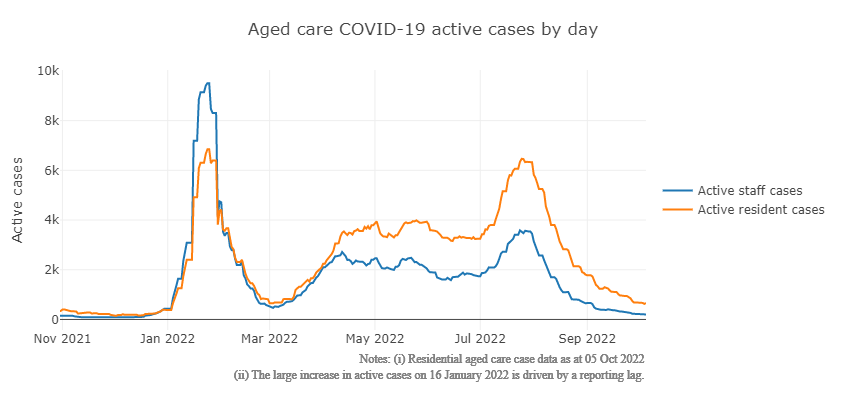
Residential aged care homes with active outbreaks are included in Appendix 1.

**Table 2: Overview of Active Outbreaks in Australia**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | NSW | VIC | SA | QLD | TAS | NT | ACT | WA | Total |
| Total Facilities with outbreaks | 53 | 42 | 26 | **19** | **4** | **1** | 1 | **19** | **165** |
| *Total number of active resident cases* | 169 | **173** | **144** | **59** | **36** | 22 | **2** | **53** | **658** |
| *Total number of active staff cases* | 48 | 61 | **31** | 30 | 0 | **4** | 0 | **24** | **198** |
| Total Outbreaks Opened since last Report | 16 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | **54** |
| Total Outbreaks Closed Since last Report | 28 | 21 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11 | **86** |

**Figure 1: National Outbreak Trends in Aged Care[[6]](#footnote-7)**

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



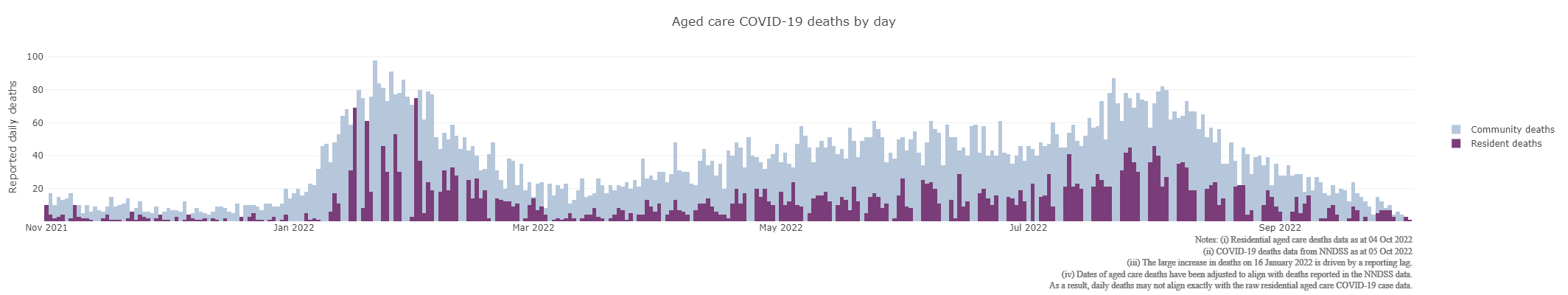
**Mortality**

For the period of 1 January to 3 October 2022, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 6.6 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 52,452 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 29 November to 3 October 2022)[[7]](#footnote-8). COVID-19 deaths account for 6.1% 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.

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



## Workforce in active residential aged care outbreaks

As at 7 October 2022, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 140,003 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 408 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 7 October) surge workforce providers have assisted 32 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 | 88,143 | 99 | |
| Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge) | 12,141 | 59 | |
| Healthcare Australia (NACER) | 2,295 | N/A | |
| Mable | 2,711 | N/A | |
| Aspen Medical | 19,087 | 32 | |
| HealthX | 11,571 | 218 | |
| Torrens | 4,055 | N/A | |

Support from the Australian Defence Force ended on 30 September 2022. Between February and September 2022, a total of 542 residential aged care homes were supported by ADF personnel.

### 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.

28,282 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 698 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 2 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 7 October 2022, there are currently 143,237 residents eligible for fourth doses. In total 120,860 residents (84.4% of eligible residents) have received a fourth dose.

As at 7 October 2022, a total of 593,256 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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Residential aged care fourth dose vaccination summary | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **National** | **NSW** | **VIC** | **QLD** | **SA** | **WA** | **TAS** | **NT** | **ACT** |
| Total residents who have received a fourth dose | 120,860 | 38,656 | 33,537 | 23,023 | 10,413 | 10,282 | 2,985 | 296 | 1,668 |
| Percentage against total residents\* | (67.7%) | (67.4%) | (72.6%) | (63.9%) | (67.6%) | (62.1%) | (67.9%) | (63.4%) | (73.9%) |
| Percentage against eligible residents (interval only)\*\* | (80.6%) | (79.1%) | (84.9%) | (78.2%) | (81.1%) | (77.0%) | (81.9%) | (78.5%) | (85.8%) |
| Percentage against eligible residents (interval and case overlay)\*\*\* | (84.4%) | (83.1%) | (88.0%) | (81.9%) | (84.9%) | (81.4%) | (87.2%) | (88.3%) | (90.0%) |

Sources: Aged care AIR data as at 6 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 5 October 2022.

\* 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

\*\* Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine *(this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents)* overtotal 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)*

\*\*\*Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine *(this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents)* overtotal 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 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 6 October 2022, the Commission had conducted 4,032 ICM spot checks to observe 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 6 October 2022

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Regulatory Activities | 2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020) | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 (to 6 October 2022) | Total |
| Site visits | 318 | 3,452 | 1,733 | 780 | **6,283** |
| Non-site activities | 3,709 | 8,390 | 6,659 | 576 | **19,334** |
| Total activities | **4,027** | **11,842** | **8,392** | **1,356** | ***25,617*** |

# 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 Cases |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| BaptistCare Griffith | Australian Capital Territory | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Abel Tasman Village | New South Wales | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| ACDMA Aged Care Services | New South Wales | <6 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Alstonville Adventist Aged Care Facility | New South Wales | <6 | 19 | 9 | 28 |
| Anglican Care Kilpatrick Court | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Arthur Blackburn VC Gardens | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| BaptistCare Bethshan Gardens Centre | New South Wales | 0 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| BaptistCare Caloola Centre | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| BaptistCare Kularoo Centre | New South Wales | <6 | 16 | 9 | 25 |
| BaptistCare Warabrook Centre | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Bathurst Riverview Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Bayswater Gardens | New South Wales | 0 | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| Bayview Treetops Care Community | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Blakehurst Aged Care Centre | New South Wales | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Bupa Bankstown | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Bupa Banora Point | New South Wales | <6 | 24 | 7 | 31 |
| Calvary St Joseph's Retirement Community | New South Wales | 0 | 12 | <6 | n/p |
| Catholic Healthcare Brigidine House | New South Wales | 0 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| Catholic Healthcare Emmaus Village | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Catholic Healthcare Holy Spirit Croydon | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Cedar Place Aged Care Facility | New South Wales | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Coffs Harbour Legacy Nursing Home | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Estia Health Camden | New South Wales | 0 | 15 | 6 | 21 |
| Estia Health Merrylands | New South Wales | <6 | 13 | <6 | n/p |
| Ferndale Gardens Aged Care Facility | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Fitzgerald Memorial Aged Care Facility Limited | New South Wales | <6 | 17 | 9 | 26 |
| HammondCare - Leighton Lodge | New South Wales | <6 | 17 | <6 | n/p |
| Hunters Hill Montefiore Home | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Kintyre Lodge - Dubbo | New South Wales | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Leeton Hospital | New South Wales | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Mona Vale House | New South Wales | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Moran Sylvania | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Murray House | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Murrayvale Aged Care | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Pathways Sailors Bay | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Presbyterian Aged Care - Wescott | New South Wales | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Regis Elermore Vale | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Regis Port Macquarie | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Scalabrini Village Griffith | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Seven Hills Nursing Home | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| St Patrick's Green | New South Wales | <6 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| St Vincent's Care Services Heathcote | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| SummitCare Liverpool-173 | New South Wales | 0 | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| SummitCare Penrith | New South Wales | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| SummitCare Waverley | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Sunhaven Hostel | New South Wales | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Teloca House Hostel | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Turramurra House Nursing Home | New South Wales | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Uniting Elanora Shellharbour | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Uniting Kari Court St Ives | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Uniting Wontama Orange | New South Wales | 0 | 18 | <6 | n/p |
| Wahroonga House | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Woollahra Montefiore Home | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Yallambee Lodge | New South Wales | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Old Timers | Northern Territory | 0 | 36 | <6 | n/p |
| Blue Care Kingaroy Canowindra Aged Care Facility | Queensland | 0 | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| Bolton Clarke Carrington | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Carinity Cedarbrook | Queensland | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Churches of Christ Bribie Aged Care Service | Queensland | 0 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| Harbour Quays Residential Aged Care | Queensland | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Immanuel Gardens | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Lions Haven For The Aged | Queensland | 0 | 19 | 8 | 27 |
| Mercy Place Cairns (Bethlehem) | Queensland | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| Oxley Grove Care Community | Queensland | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Parkview | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Regis Caboolture | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 7 |
| Regis Kirwan | Queensland | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Sandbrook Assisted Aged Care | Queensland | 0 | 18 | 7 | 25 |
| Sunnymeade Park Aged Care Community | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | 6 |
| The Good Shepherd Nursing Home | Queensland | <6 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| TriCare Bayview Place Aged Care Residence | Queensland | 0 | 14 | 11 | 25 |
| Wheller Gardens - St Marks House | Queensland | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Woombye Care | Queensland | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Ceduna MPS | South Australia | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Fullarton Residential Care | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Japara Oaklands | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Kalyra Belair Aged Care | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Kangaroo Island MPS | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Keith & District Hospital Inc | South Australia | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Melaleuca Court Nursing Home | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Mt View Homes Inc | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Naracoorte Health Service | South Australia | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Oaklands Park Lodge Residential Care | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Port Pirie Regional Health Service - Hammill House | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Regis Playford | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Resthaven Aberfoyle Park | South Australia | <6 | 49 | 14 | 63 |
| Resthaven Craigmore | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Resthaven Leabrook | South Australia | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Resthaven Malvern | South Australia | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Resthaven Mitcham | South Australia | <6 | 20 | <6 | n/p |
| Resthaven Paradise | South Australia | 0 | 13 | 7 | 20 |
| Resthaven Westbourne Park | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Ridgehaven Residential Care Centre | South Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Riverview Lutheran Rest Home | South Australia | 0 | 24 | 6 | 30 |
| Strathalbyn & District Aged Care Facility | South Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| The Philip Kennedy Centre Residential Care | South Australia | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| The Pines Lodge Residential Care | South Australia | 8 | 77 | 10 | 87 |
| Wesley House | South Australia | <6 | 9 | <6 | n/p |
| Wirraminna Care Residential Aged Care | South Australia | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Campbell Town Health and Community Services | Tasmania | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| St Ann's | Tasmania | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| The Queen Victoria Home | Tasmania | 0 | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| Wynyard Care Centre | Tasmania | 0 | 11 | <6 | n/p |
| Arcare Surrey Hills | Victoria | 0 | 21 | <6 | n/p |
| Arcare Sydenham | Victoria | 0 | 27 | 7 | 34 |
| Bindaree Retirement Centre | Victoria | 0 | 12 | <6 | n/p |
| Buckland House Nursing Home | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Craigcare Berwick | Victoria | 0 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Ardeer | Victoria | 0 | 13 | <6 | n/p |
| Estia Health Grovedale | Victoria | 0 | 17 | <6 | n/p |
| GraniteHill Aged Care | Victoria | <6 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Havilah Hostel | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Heathcote Health High Care Service | Victoria | 0 | 7 | <6 | n/p |
| Heathcote Health Low Care Service | Victoria | 0 | 23 | <6 | n/p |
| Highton Gardens Care Community | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Highwood Court | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Inglewood & Districts Health Service (Nursing Home) | Victoria | 0 | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| Inglewood & Districts Health Service Hostel | Victoria | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Iona Digby Harris Home | Victoria | 0 | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| Jacaranda Village | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Japara Central Park | Victoria | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Japara Rye Sands | Victoria | 0 | 8 | <6 | n/p |
| Japara Strzelecki House | Victoria | <6 | 19 | 8 | 27 |
| Lifeview Willow Wood | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Lynden Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Maculata Place | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Manor Court Werribee Aged Care Ltd | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Martin Luther Homes | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| mecwacare Ballan Aged Care Facility | Victoria | <6 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| mecwacare Ballan Hostel | Victoria | 0 | 14 | <6 | n/p |
| mecwacare Rositano House | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Mercy Place East Melbourne | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Mercy Place Rice Village | Victoria | 0 | <6 | <6 | 8 |
| MiCare Overbeek Lodge | Victoria | 0 | 22 | 6 | 28 |
| Mornington Bay Care Community | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Northside Aged Persons Mental Health Residential Care Facility | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Point Cook Manor | Victoria | <6 | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| R. M. Begg Kyneton Aged Care | Victoria | 0 | 6 | <6 | n/p |
| Regis East Malvern | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Royal Freemasons Bacchus Marsh | Victoria | <6 | 55 | 8 | 63 |
| Royal Freemasons Benalla | Victoria | <6 | 29 | 8 | 37 |
| The Views at Heidelberg | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Villa Maria Catholic Homes Willowbrooke Aged Care Residence | Victoria | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Warrnambool Riverside Care Community | Victoria | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Water Gardens | Victoria | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Aegis Anchorage | Western Australia | 0 | 13 | 7 | 20 |
| Aegis Ellenvale | Western Australia | 0 | 58 | 21 | 79 |
| Alfred Cove Care Community | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Baptistcare Gracewood | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Baptistcare Mirrambeena | Western Australia | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Baptistcare William Carey Court | Western Australia | 0 | 10 | <6 | n/p |
| Bethanie Elanora Villas Nursing Home | Western Australia | <6 | 40 | 15 | 55 |
| Brightwater The Cove | Western Australia | 0 | 16 | 11 | 27 |
| Burswood Care Annie Bryson McKeown Lodge | Western Australia | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Burswood Care Gwen Hardie Lodge | Western Australia | 0 | 0 | <6 | <6 |
| Capecare Dunsborough | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | <6 | <6 |
| Dr Mary Surveyor Centre | Western Australia | 0 | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| Fairhaven | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Joseph Cooke House | Western Australia | 0 | 13 | <6 | n/p |
| MYVISTA Balcatta | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Regents Garden Aubin Grove | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 6 | n/p |
| Southern Plus East Fremantle | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| SwanCare Waminda | Western Australia | 0 | <6 | 0 | <6 |
| Villa Pelletier Hostel | Western Australia | 0 | 21 | <6 | n/p |

1. The reporting date of data has changed to align with the National COVID-19 weekly trends report from 16 September 2022. The previous seven days shows a comparison for this new reporting period. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Active residents and staff cases are the total currently positive cases in active outbreaks [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Case numbers and numbers of deaths are dependent upon reporting from facilities and validation of deaths from state and territory governments. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)