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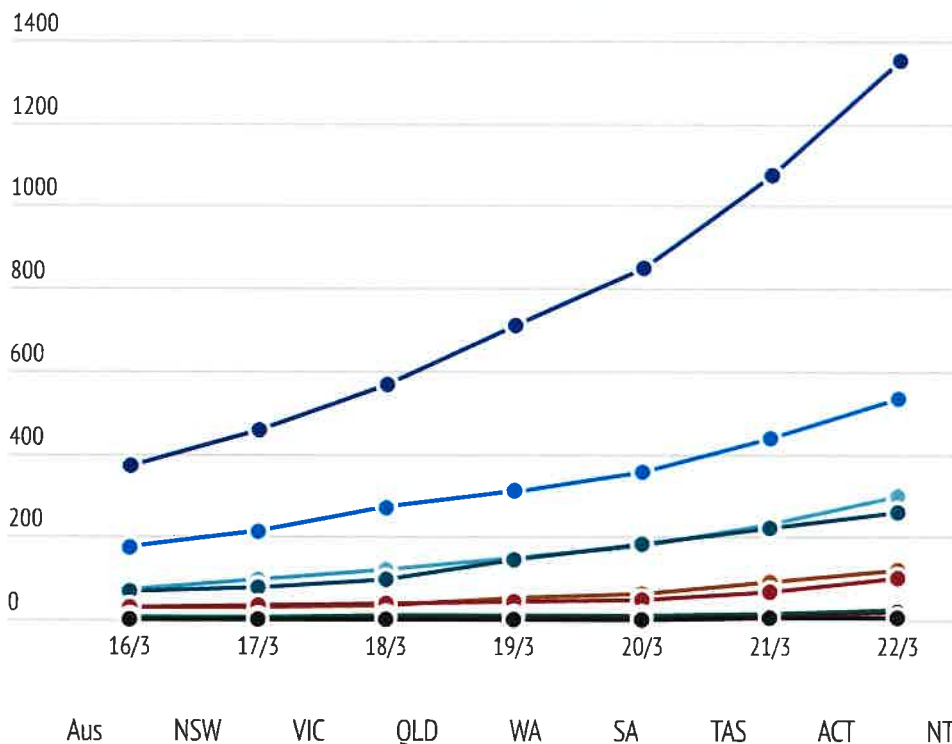


COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation on 11 March. According to the Johns Hopkins University COVID-19 Tracker, as at **9.15am on 23rd March**, there was an overall total of 329,935 confirmed COVID-19 cases across 169 countries.

Australian COVID-19 case data from state, territory and federal health departments has been compiled in an online database by digital journalist Juliette O'Brien and a data analytics team [here](#). The following information is sourced from that database.

As at **7.30pm on 22nd March**, there have been a total of 1353 confirmed cases in Australia, with all states and territories affected. The increase of 281 cases since 21st March represents the largest increase of cases over 24 hours in Australia so far.

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases by jurisdiction, last 7 days



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Across Australia, the most cases have occurred in the 30-39 year age-group, followed by 50-59 years, and 40-49 years. Overall, more men than women have been infected.

Of the 1353 confirmed cases in Australia, 91 have recovered and 7 have died, bringing the total number of active cases to 1255. All deaths have been among people over 75 years.


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Important Information Sources on COVID-19



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Latest update from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee: [22nd March](#)

Travel Advice from the Australian Government: [Smart Traveller](#)

Coronavirus Health Information Line: **1800 020 080** (operates all hours)

State and Territory Health Departments:

[NSW](#)[VIC](#)[QLD](#)[SA](#)[WA](#)[TAS](#)[NT](#)[ACT](#)

Current Control Measures - Travel

Incoming Travel Restrictions

- From 16th March, all people arriving to Australia from overseas, excluding flight crews, [are required](#) to quarantine themselves in either their home or a hotel room for 14 days.
- From 16th March for 30 days, all cruise ship arrivals have [been banned](#) Australia-wide, but arrangements will be made for Australians currently on cruise ships to travel home.
- From 20th March, Australian borders [are closed](#) to all non-citizens and non-residents. There are exemptions for immediate family of citizens and residents, and some New Zealand citizens.
- All Australians currently overseas have been advised to return home.

Outgoing Travel Advice

- From 18th March, all Australians have [been advised](#) by the Australian Government not to travel internationally at all, regardless of destination or personal health status.

Domestic Travel Restrictions

The following states have announced strict border control measures, meaning that any non-essential travellers will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days following arrival:

- [Tasmania](#) - from midnight on 20th March,
- [Western Australia](#) - from 1.30pm on 24th March
- [South Australia](#) - from 4pm on 24th March
- [Northern Territory](#) - from 4pm on 24th March

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Current Control Measures - Social Distancing

Ban on Mass Gatherings

- Non-essential outdoor gatherings of more than 500 people have [been banned](#) by the Australian Government from Monday 16th March.
- Non-essential indoor gatherings of more than 100 people have [been banned](#) by the Australian Government from 18th March. All non-essential indoor gatherings of less than 100 people must have no more than one person per 4sqm.

Closure of Non-essential Services

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- Gyms and indoor sporting venues
- Entertainment venues including cinemas, casinos, and nightclubs
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to take-away and delivery only
- Places of worship, funerals and religious gatherings held in enclosed spaces

Some state and territory governments have announced additional closures:

- The Victorian Government [has announced](#) a shutdown of all non-essential activity from Tuesday 24th March. Supermarkets, banks, pharmacies, petrol stations and convenience stores will remain open, and freight/delivery services will continue. School holidays in Victoria have been brought forward and will begin on Tuesday 24th March.
- The ACT Government has made a [similar announcement](#), moving to a closure of all non-essential services between 22nd and 24th March. The ACT will move to online learning for most students from 24th March, with schools still open for students who need to attend.

Aged Care Restrictions

- Residential aged care facilities have [been advised](#) by the Australian Government to limit visitors to two visitors to the facility at any one time. Visitors will not be allowed to attend communal areas.
- Social activities and entertainment within aged care facilities will also be halted.

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