The COVID-19 pandemic (as at 7 May)

Data current as at 3pm, 4 May 2020

- Total cases: 672,012
- Total recovered: 6,023
- Total deaths: 97
- Current hospitalised: 61
- Current in ICU: 24

Australian population: 25.7 million

- Total cases: 6,896
- Total recovered: 6,023
- Total deaths: 97
- >722,000 tests
- Percent positivity: 1.0%

Cumulative cases and new cases by notification date.
Australia’s Containment Strategy

1 Feb
Travellers returning from Mainland China to self-isolate for 14 days.

27 Feb
Activation of the ‘Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus’.

1 Mar
Travel restrictions applied to those coming from Iran.

5 Mar
Enhanced health screening and temperature testing arrangements were implemented for arrivals from Italy and travel restrictions implemented for arrivals from South Korea.

13 Mar
The Australian Government advised all Australians to reconsider the need to travel overseas regardless of destination, age or health (level 3 of 4).

15 Mar
All passengers arriving in Australia need to self-isolate for 14 days, and cruise ship arrivals were banned.

16 Mar
Non-essential, static gatherings of more than 500 people banned.

18 Mar
Introduction of social distancing measures and raised travel advice for anywhere overseas to ‘Do Not Travel’ (level 4 of 4).

23 Mar
Closure of non-essential services.

26 Mar
Internal movement restrictions implemented and restricted access to remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
Australia’s Containment Strategy

1. **Border measures:**
   - 1 Feb: travel restrictions for those from China (other than Australian citizen)
   - 23 Feb – 5 March: additional travel restrictions for Iran, South Korea, Italy
   - 15 March: All Australians required to go in 14 day isolation post arrival from overseas
   - 24-25 March: Most state and territory borders closed

2. **Testing:**
   - >722,000 tests conducted
   - 24 April: expanded testing criteria
Australia’s Containment Strategy

3. Tracing
- Strong focus on contact tracing on all confirmed cases
- COVIDSafe App
  - Launched 26 April 2020
  - >5.2 million downloads (32% of target population)

4. Isolation & Distancing
- Physical distancing directives encouraging Australians to stay home where possible and keep 1.5m apart when out.
Build Capacity

1. Primary Care

>8.0m telehealth services delivered to 4.8m Australians (as at 5 May)

768,257 calls handled by the National Coronavirus Helpline (13 March – 6 May)

Over 370 COVID-dedicated clinics operating nationally, to relieve pressure on acute care settings 9 (as at 6 May)

624,202 care workers have completed basic infection control training (as at 6 May)
Building Capacity

2. Australia’s Aged Care response

- Visit restrictions
  - balancing protecting residents whilst maintaining contact with loved ones
- Routine screening of staff and visitors on entry into facilities
  - one point of entry, standard screening questions, no touch temperature test
- Access to PPE for aged care workers
  - residential and home care settings
- COVID-19 training program for aged care workers
  - over 115,000 completions as at 5 May

3. Australia’s Hospital response

- Increasing Australian ventilator capability
  - 2,200 to over 7,500
- Upskilling our nurse workforce with additional training
  - Refresher training for 3000 Registered Nurses holding general registration but not currently practising (2,316 already completed)
  - Upskilling 22,000 Registered Nurses to critical care nursing (3,961 nurses have completed at least one course)
- Guaranteed viability and capacity of the private hospital sector
  - 30,000 hospital beds and sector’s 105,000 skilled workforce
International Collaboration

Independent review:
EU – WHA resolution