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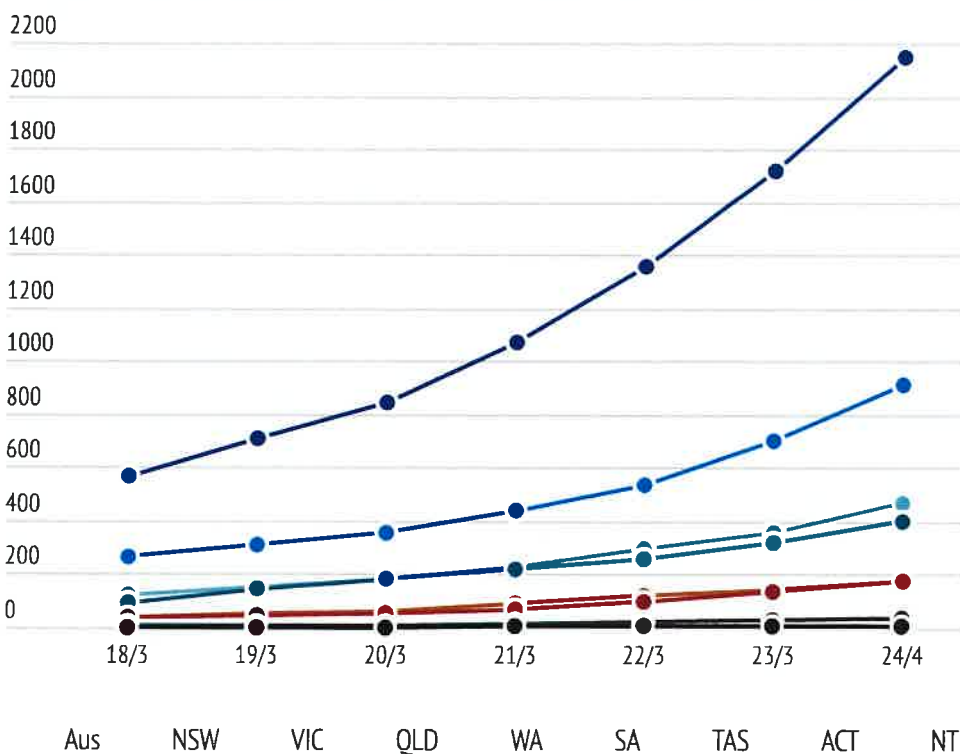
Current situation

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 **8.40am on 25th March**, there was an overall total of 417,698 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 **5.45pm on 24th March**, there have been a total of 2144 confirmed cases in Australia, with all states and territories affected. The increase of 465 cases since 23rd March represents the largest increase of cases over 24 hours in Australia so far.

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



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 2144 confirmed cases in Australia, 97 have recovered and 8 have died, bringing the total number of active cases to 2039. All deaths have been among people over 70 years.

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Important Information Sources on COVID-19

Latest Global Case Numbers: [Johns Hopkins University COVID-19 Tracker](#)

Updates from the Australian Government: [Department of Health](#)

Prime Minister's latest announcement: [24th March 2020](#)

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 24th March, all Australians have [been banned](#) from travelling overseas at all, under the Australian Government's *Biosecurity Act 2015*. There are exemptions for Australians who usually live overseas, or for essential travel for compassionate, humanitarian or national security reasons.

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
- [Queensland](#) - from midnight on 24th March

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essential indoor gatherings of more than 100 people.

- All non-essential indoor gatherings must have no more than one person per 4sqm.

Non-essential Services Closures

The following services [have been closed](#) from midday 23rd March:

- Pubs, registered and licensed clubs
- 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

From 11.59pm on 25th March, this ban will be [extended](#) to include:

- Food courts in shopping centres also restricted to take-away and delivery only;
- Auctions and public open house inspections,
- Most beauty and personal care services other than haircuts less than 30 minutes;
- All entertainment venues;
- Most recreation events excluding outdoor boot camps of less than ten people;
- Swimming pools and social sporting activities;
- Institutions such as museums, libraries, galleries, community centres, and RSLs;
- Weddings are restricted to no more than five people and funerals to no more than ten.

The closure of outdoor and indoor non-food markets, as well as residential services like hotels, hostels, and campsites, will be left at the discretion of each jurisdiction.

School Closures

- From 24th March, [ACT schools](#) will move to pupil-free days until the school holidays begin on Friday 10th April. Schools will remain open to students who need to attend.
- From 24th March, [Victorian schools](#) will be closed, bringing forward school holidays that were due to begin on Monday 30th March.
- [NSW schools](#) remain open until the school holidays are due to begin on Monday 13th April, but parents have been advised to keep their children at home if possible.
- Schools in [South Australia](#), [Queensland](#), the [Northern Territory](#), [Western Australia](#) and [Tasmania](#) remain open, although parents have been given the option to keep kids at home if they want to.

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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