

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE

7 December 2021

COVID-19 Data

Yesterday, **3,769** vaccine doses were administered by Victoria's state-commissioned services. The total number of doses administered through state-run services is **4,872,006**.

94.1 per cent of Victorians aged 12 and over have now had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and **91.6 per cent** have had two doses. This excludes the most recent Commonwealth data.

There are **297** COVID-19 cases in hospital in Victoria – **47** active cases in ICU, with **25** of those on a ventilator. There are an additional **55** cleared cases in ICU. Of those in hospital, **61 per cent** were not fully vaccinated and of those in ICU **86 per cent** were not fully vaccinated.

Victoria was notified of **1,185** new cases of COVID-19 yesterday. All cases were locally acquired. The **10** Local Government areas with the highest number of new cases are Hume, Casey, Melton, Brimbank, Moreland, Melbourne, Whittlesea, Greater Geelong, Monash and Yarra Ranges.

All locations containing new cases will be published today at [Victorian COVID-19 data](#).

There are **13,050** active cases in Victoria. The total number of confirmed cases in Victoria since the beginning of the pandemic is **130,029**.

Sadly, the Department was notified yesterday of **seven** deaths of people aged in their 40s, 70s, 80s and 90s. This brings the total number of deaths in Victoria since the pandemic began to **1,385**.

52,257 COVID-19 tests were processed yesterday. The total number of tests performed in Victoria since the pandemic began is **15,575,101**.

There are currently more than **26,600** active primary close contacts in isolation in Victoria.

Updates

Case under investigation in Victorian Hotel Quarantine

Genomic sequencing is underway into the test results of an overseas arrival into Victoria who has tested positive for COVID-19 in Hotel Quarantine.

The fully-vaccinated traveller arrived from the Netherlands via Abu Dhabi on 3 December and opted to transfer directly to Hotel Quarantine. The individual has not been in the community while infectious.

They returned an initial negative PCR test on 4 December, and subsequently became symptomatic on 6 December - returning a positive test with the finding of S gene dropout. Whole genome sequencing will commence today.



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The source of acquisition remains under investigation. All other passengers on the inbound flight will be assessed to ensure they have undergone a test.

All arrivals from overseas are reminded of the requirement to quarantine for 72 hours upon arrival, to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test within 24 hours of arrival and again between 5 and 7 days following arrival.

Aboriginal Community members

Sadly, Victoria can confirm the passing of two Aboriginal community members who had COVID-19.

A 68-year-old woman with COVID-19 has passed away from an underlying condition.

A 73-year-old man who had other health conditions has also passed away from COVID-19. These are the first passings of Aboriginal people in Victoria with COVID-19.

The Victorian Government extends its sincere condolences to their families, loved ones and broader Aboriginal community at this difficult time. The Victorian Government will continue to work in close partnership with the Aboriginal community-controlled sector to support Aboriginal communities during the pandemic.

If anyone in the Aboriginal community has any questions about COVID-19, call the Victorian Aboriginal COVID-19 Infoline: tel: [1800 312 911](tel:1800312911). Open [9am – 5pm](#), 7 days a week.

Links and contacts

- [Information for overseas travellers](#) has updates on inbound international restrictions
- Current COVIDSafe settings for living and working in [Victoria](#)
- Your [COVID Checklist](#) – what to do if you test positive or if you have been told you are a contact
- [Vaccinations](#), including how to book and where to go
- Find your nearest [testing centre](#)
- Information on [Rapid Antigen Tests](#)
- Financial [support](#) is available if you have to isolate after a test, including a \$450 payment
- [Information for industry and workers required to be vaccinated](#)
- The Commonwealth's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) common operating picture](#)
- How to get your [COVID-19 digital certificate](#)

To access the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Victoria, visit the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Victoria website](#) or call the 24-hour Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can also call the Victorian Aboriginal COVID Information Line on 1800 312 911. Callers will speak with Aboriginal staff who can answer questions about COVID-19 and direct them to relevant support services. The information line is open from 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week.

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