# Coronavirus (COVID-19) health alert

The World Health Organization has announced that COVID-19 is a pandemic. Find out how we are monitoring and responding to the outbreak, how you can help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Australia, and what to do if you have symptoms. We also report the latest official medical advice and case numbers.

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**Active**

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## Current status

The situation is changing rapidly. Stay up to date with the latest information about the spread of COVID-19 and the steps being taken to slow the spread.

### Stay informed

Read the latest announcements about COVID-19 and up-to-date advice for your situation.

- News and media related to COVID-19
- Resources on COVID-19

### Current status in Australia

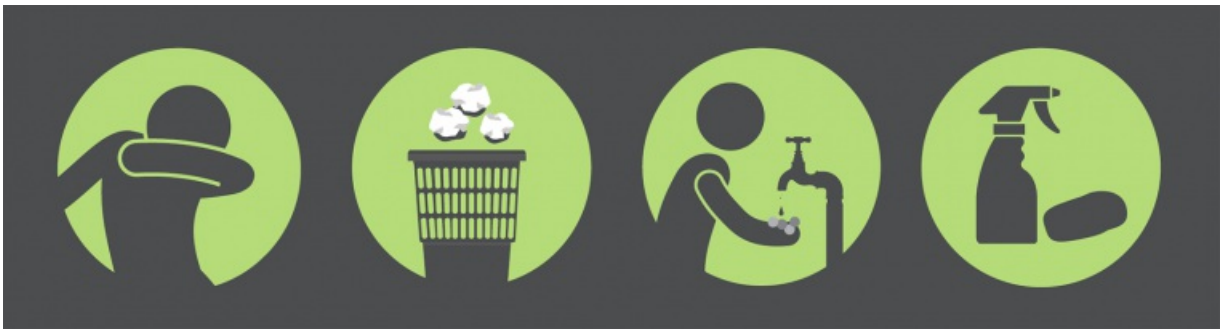
For daily reports of reported COVID-19 cases, go tocurrent situation and case numbers.

For what we're doing to slow the spread, go toGovernment response to COVID-19.

## How to protect yourself and others

Everyone must practise good hygiene to protect against infection and prevent the virus

spreading.



If you have a confirmed case, you need to isolate yourself to prevent it spreading to other people.

### What you can do

We can all help to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Australia.

Read protect yourself and others for advice on good hygiene, self-isolation, and social distancing.

To help protect people most at risk, follow our advice on public gatherings and visits to vulnerable groups.

## Symptoms and when to get tested

### Symptoms

Symptoms include fever, coughing, sore throat, fatigue, and shortness of breath.

If you have **serious symptoms** such as difficulty breathing, **call 000** for urgent medical help.

### When to get tested

If you develop symptoms within 14 days of last contact with a confirmed case or of returning to Australia, you should seek medical attention. Your doctor will tell you if you need toget tested.

## If you're concerned

Call the Coronavirus Health Information Line for advice. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

**Coronavirus Health Information Line**

Call this line if you are seeking information on coronavirus (COVID-19). The line

operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

1800 020 080

View contact

## Additional advice

### Travellers

Our advice for travellers provides information on airport and in-flight biosecurity measures, travel restrictions and other arrangements that apply.

### Health and aged care sector

Our advice for the health and aged care sector includes Public Health Unit guidelines, epidemiology reports and other resources.

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