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Coronavirus COVID-19 daily update

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> This Chief Health Officer update is intended to provide clinicians and the Victorian public with information about the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Victoria as well as relevant public health response activities in Victoria. Chief Health Officer Alerts will continue to be issued when there are changes to the public health advice related to COVID-19.

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What's new?

Developments in the outbreak

- As of 30 May 2020, the total number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Victoria is 1,645 which is a net increase of 11 since yesterday.

- Seven cases are linked to known outbreaks, two were detected in hotel quarantine and two are under investigation.

- The total number of cases linked to the Cedar Meats outbreak remains at 111 (unchanged).

- 168 cases have been acquired in Victoria where the source of infection is unknown, an increase of 2 since yesterday's report.

- Seven people are in hospital, including three people in intensive care. 19 people have died. 1,553 people have recovered.

- Of the total 1,645 cases, there have been 1,361 in metropolitan Melbourne and 234 in regional Victoria. A number of cases remain under investigation.

- There have been 183 confirmed cases in healthcare workers, with no change since yesterday's report.

- More than 501,000 test results have been received by the department since 1 January 2020

(an increase of over 8,000 since yesterday's report).

- Up-to-date epidemiological data is available on our website.

- Victoria's State of Emergency has been extended until 11.59 pm on Sunday 31 May.

- The Victorian Government has announced the gradual easing of restrictions throughout the state from 1 June and 22 June, including social events, sport, recreation, cafes, restaurants, travel, and entertainment. Visit Victoria's restriction levels for more information.

Current advice to clinicians

- Current processing time for COVID-19 tests is one to three days.

- People who have been tested at a metropolitan retail testing site can call the dedicated Onsite Doctor Results Hotline on (03) 8669 0255 if they have been waiting more than five days for results. This hotline will operate from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, until 5 June 2020.

- Practitioners are encouraged to test any patients who meet the clinical criteria below:
Fever OR chills in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that explains the clinical presentation*
OR
Acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose or anosmia)

  Note: In addition, testing is recommended for people with new onset of other clinical symptoms consistent with COVID-19** AND who are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19; who have returned from overseas in the past 14 days; or who are healthcare or aged care workers.

  *Clinical discretion applies including consideration of the potential for co-infection (e.g. concurrent infection with SARS-CoV-2 and influenza)

  **headache, myalgia, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea.

- If referring your patients for COVID-19 testing, a list of testing locations can be found on the getting tested for coronavirus page.

- Applications are open for the Victorian COVID-19 Research Fund, which has been established to support research that directly contributes to the health impact findings of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key messages for the community

- Victoria's State of Emergency has been extended to 31 May, but some restrictions have been eased.

- As restrictions ease, it remains important that if you can work from home, you should work from home.

- Right now there are stilll only five reasons to leave your home:

  - Shopping for food and supplies that you need

- Care and caregiving

- Exercise and outdoor recreation

- Work and education – if you can't do it from home

- Visiting friends and family – if you really need to.

- Our message to Victorians remains the same – if you can stay at home, you must stay at home.

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