



Australian Government

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

Australia's COVID-19 Response

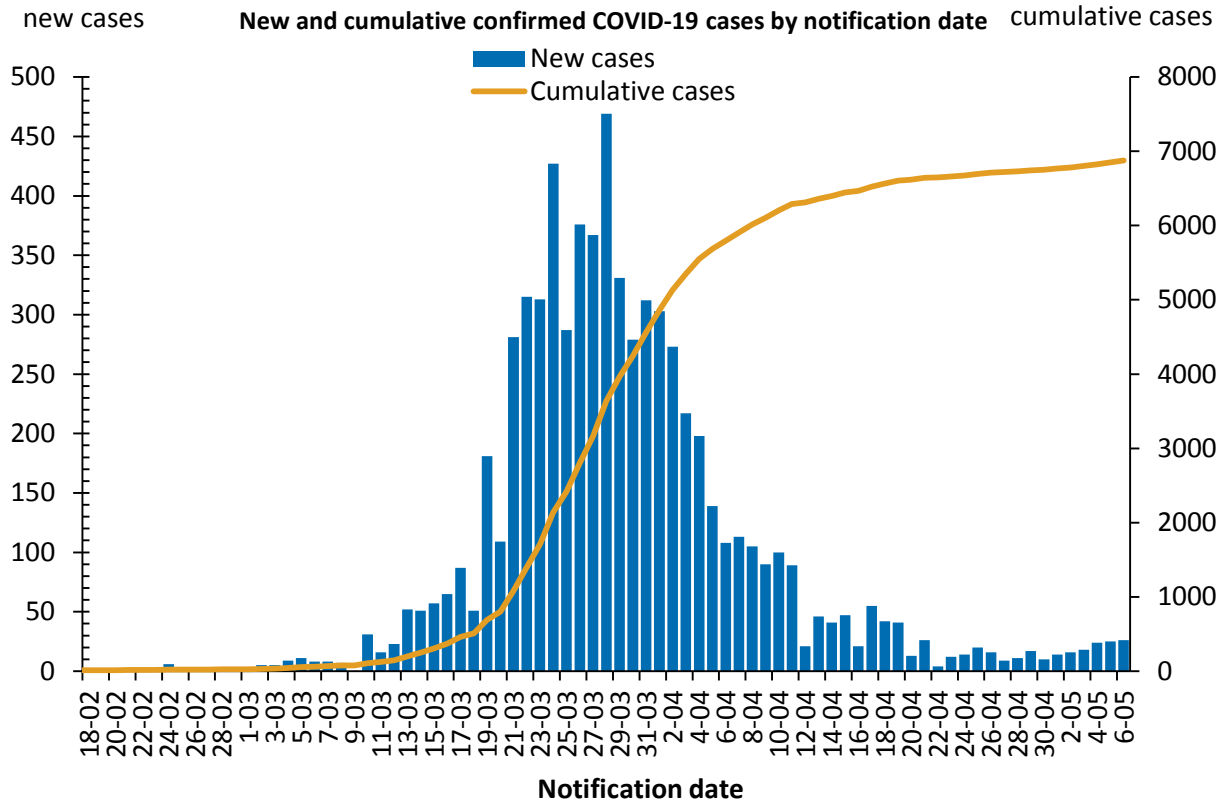
7 May 2020

The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health



The COVID-19 pandemic (as at 7 May)

New and cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases by notification date

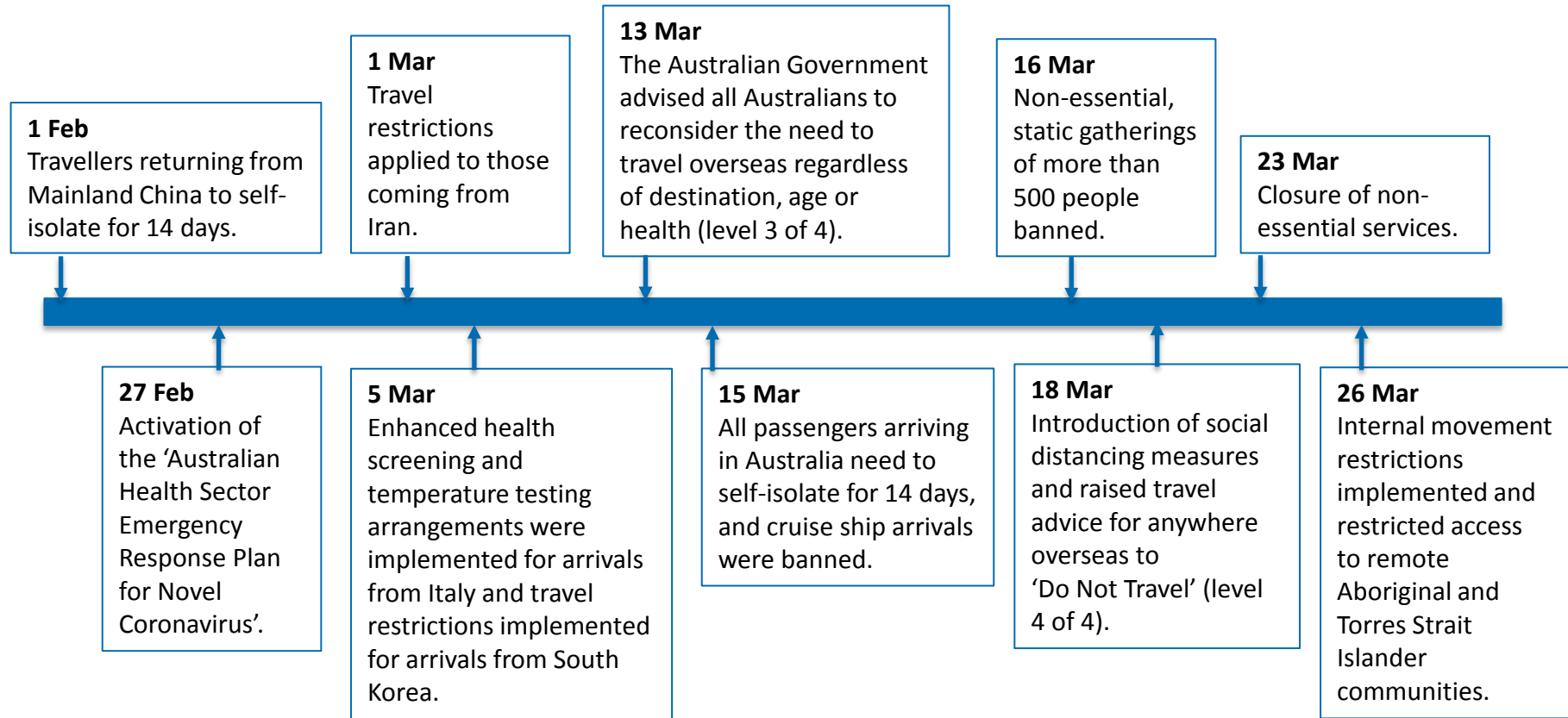


Australian population:

25.7 million

Total cases	Total recovered	Total deaths
6,896	6,023	97
Total tests	Percent positivity	
>722,000	1.0%	
Current hospitalised	Current in ICU	
61	24	

Australia's Containment Strategy



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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

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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)

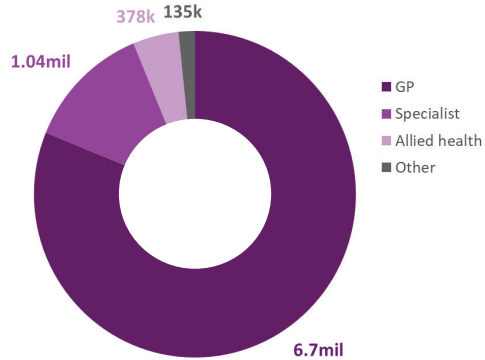
4. Isolation & Distancing

- Physical distancing directives encouraging Australians to stay home where possible and keep 1.5m apart when out.

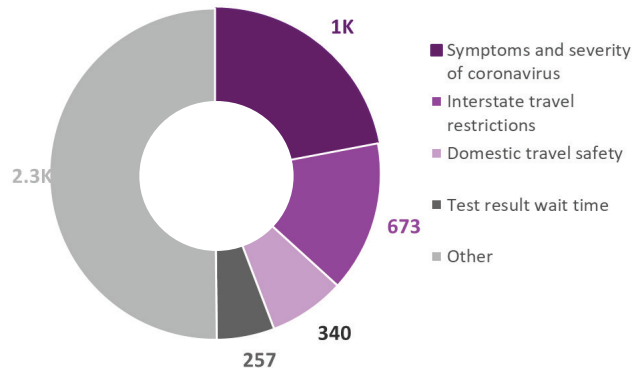
Build Capacity

1. Primary Care

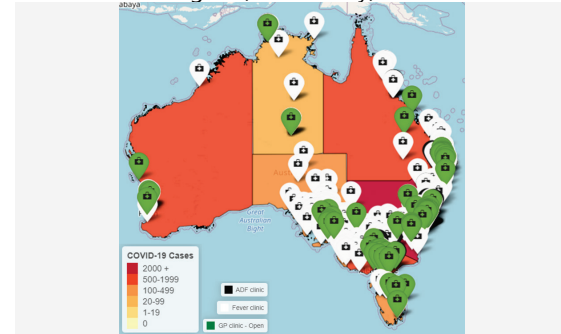
>8.0m telehealth services delivered to 4.8m Australians (as at 5 May)



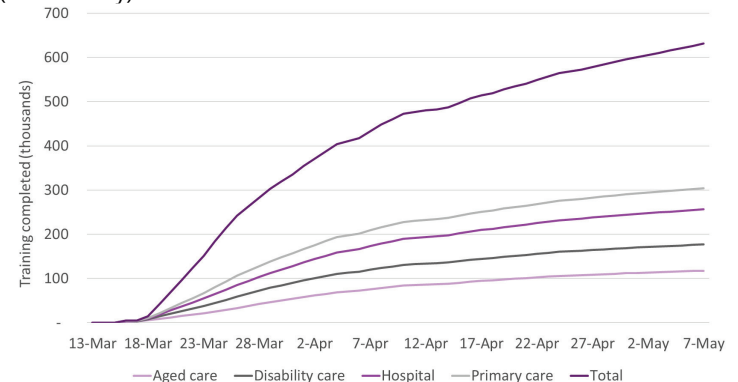
768,257 calls handled by the National Coronavirus Helpline (13 March – 6 May)



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