

COVID-19 pandemic in Tasmania

The **COVID-19 pandemic in Tasmania** is part of the ongoing worldwide pandemic of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

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Disease	COVID-19
Virus strain	SARS-CoV-2
Location	Tasmania , Australia
First outbreak	Wuhan , Hubei , China
Confirmed cases	235
Active cases	5,094
Hospitalised cases	28
Critical cases	3
Recovered	21,298
Deaths	17 (as of 25 Jan. 2022)
Fatality rate	0.09%
Government website	
	coronavirus.tas.gov.au (https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/)

Timeline

2020

[Scotch Oakburn College](#) in Tasmania closed as a preemptive decision in fear of rising SARS-CoV-2 cases. It was to be closed from 16 March until at least 30 March.^[1]

On 17 March, Tasmania declared a public health emergency.^[2]

On 19 March, all "non-essential" travellers to Tasmania, including returning residents, were subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine.^[3]

Burnie outbreak

On 12 April 2020, in response to an outbreak in Burnie, business restrictions were put in place for 14 days. It included the closure of most retail businesses except for those providing essential services, or those who can provide online services and home delivery. The [North West Regional Hospital](#) (NWRH) and North West Private Hospital (NWPH) were temporarily closed from Monday 13 April 2020, and staff, patients, and visitors since 27 March, were required to self-quarantine for 14 days.^[4] The self-quarantine affected up to 5,000 people. Additional testing was announced, and emergency medical teams from the Australian Defence Force were sent to Burnie to cover for hospital staff.^[5]

On 1 August, the 2020 Tasmanian Legislative Council periodic election, deferred from 30 May to prevent the spread of COVID-19, took place.^[6]

2021

Due to a growing cluster in Bondi, Sydney, from 4 pm on 23 June Tasmania declared the City of Sydney, Bayside, Canada Bay, Inner West, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra as high-risk. Border entry will not be allowed to anyone who was in those areas, on or since, 11 June without approval from the Deputy State Controller.^{[7][8]}

On 22 July, the death of a 44-year-old man from Tasmania was linked by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), after vaccination with AstraZeneca. The man was a confirmed case of TTS.^[9]

October lockdown

On 15 October Tasmania's southern region, including Hobart, went into a 3-day lockdown at 6 pm. This followed a man positive to the Delta variant of COVID-19 escaping from hotel quarantine and being in the community for around 18 hours before police located him the next day. The man did not co-operate in tracing his contacts. The 31-year-old from Albury in NSW flew from Melbourne to Hobart on 11 October, but did not have the correct border pass. He was taken to a quarantine hotel in Hobart's CBD, and went missing on 12 October. He falsely stated to emergency management workers that he had been in Queensland the previous 14 days, when he had actually been in NSW.^{[10][11]}

The local government areas (LGA) affected were: Brighton Council, Central Highlands Council, City of Clarence, Derwent Valley Council, Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council, City of Glenorchy, City of Hobart, Huon Valley Council, Sorell Council, Southern Midlands Council, Tasman Council and Kingborough Council. As a result of the lockdown, The Unconformity arts festival due to start on 15 October in Queenstown was cancelled.^[10]

The man who triggered the lockdown was sentenced for the COVID regulation breaches on 21 December to five months jail, two suspended, and backdated to the day he was taken into custody, 26 October. He was also fined \$1,500. He received another five months jail, two suspended, for breaching a family violence order (FVO) by going to Tasmania to see the woman who held the FVO against him.^[11]

December

On 15 December, Tasmania reopened its borders to travellers. Within four days, 7 cases of COVID-19 were detected, the first 3 of them were infected with the Omicron variant.^[12]

By 19 December, over 95 per cent of eligible people in Tasmania had received one vaccination, over 90 per cent had received two.^[12]

On 21 December 2021 Tasmania reintroduced a requirement to wear facemasks indoors.^[12]

2022

On 20 January Tasmania had its first death since April 2020, raising total COVID deaths to 14.^[13]

On 21 January another COVID related death occurred.^[14]

On 24 January, there was 1 COVID-19 related death, raising the state total to 16. She was a 79-year-old woman who had underlying health conditions. There were 643 new cases, 35 hospitalised, 15 specifically for COVID-19 treatment. 3 in intensive care, 1 on a ventilator.^[15]

On 25 January, there was 1 COVID-19 related death, raising the state total to 17. She was a 80-year-old woman. There were 712 new cases, 28 hospitalised, 11 specifically for COVID-19 treatment. 3 in intensive care. Active cases were at 5,094.^[16]

By 30 January, there was another single COVID-19 related death, raising the state total to 18. She was a woman, in her late 80s, with underlying health conditions, at an aged care facility. There were 594 new cases to 8pm on 29 January, 20 hospitalised with COVID-19, 10 of those specifically for COVID-19 treatment. Active cases were down at 4,978.^[17]

In Tasmania:

- 95% aged 12 and over were fully vaccinated
- 46% aged between 5 and 11 years old had 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- over 38% aged 18 and over had a booster dose^[17]

Event cancellations

- On 11 March 2020, the head of the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), David Walsh, cancelled the 2020 Dark Mofo winter arts festival.^[18] He announced on 16 March that the museum itself would be closed indefinitely.^[19]
- On 18 March 2020 Agfest, set for 7 May, was cancelled.^[20] It was replaced by an online event that ran from 7–28 May.^[21] Agfest 2021 included both physical events over 4 days (5–8 May), and the online component (8–15 May).^{[22][23]}
- On 12 May 2020, the 2021 Cygnet Folk Festival was cancelled.^[24] The 2022 Festival was also cancelled, on 21 December 2021, after the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in Australia.^[25]
- The 2020 Legislative Council elections that were due to take place on 30 May were deferred to 1 August 2020.^[26]
- The 2021 Australian Wooden Boat Festival was cancelled.^[27]
- The 2020–21 Taste of Tasmania food and wine festival, usually held from 28 December to 3 January, was cancelled.^[28]
- The Unconformity arts festival, the first in 3 years, was cancelled in October 2021 after a quarantine hotel breach put southern Tasmania into a snap lockdown.^[10]

Statistics

COVID-19 cumulative cases in Tasmania^[29]

COVID-19 daily cases in Tasmania^[29]

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