

NSW Jewish Emergency Management Plan

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COVID-19 Response



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DAILY BRIEFING

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INTERNATIONAL

On Monday 23rd March 2020, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced a 3-week lockdown with measures including restrictions on travelling only to and from essential work, shopping only for basic necessities, limiting exercise to one form a day and a ban of outside gatherings of more than two people.

Worldwide, as recorded by the Centre for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, there have been 375,458 total confirmed cases; 81,496 cases were confirmed in China, followed by 63,927 cases in Italy and 43,214 in the United States. Globally there have been 16,371 confirmed deaths; 6,077 deaths in Italy and 2,207 deaths in Spain. Current data confirms that there have been 100,958 recovered cases.

INTERNATIONAL – JEWISH COMMUNITY

Communities in Europe remain in lockdown as per government restrictions. There have been several confirmed cases in Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Greece, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, Spain and Uruguay. Worldwide, most institutions, schools and Synagogues remain closed and their services suspended indefinitely.

AUSTRALIA

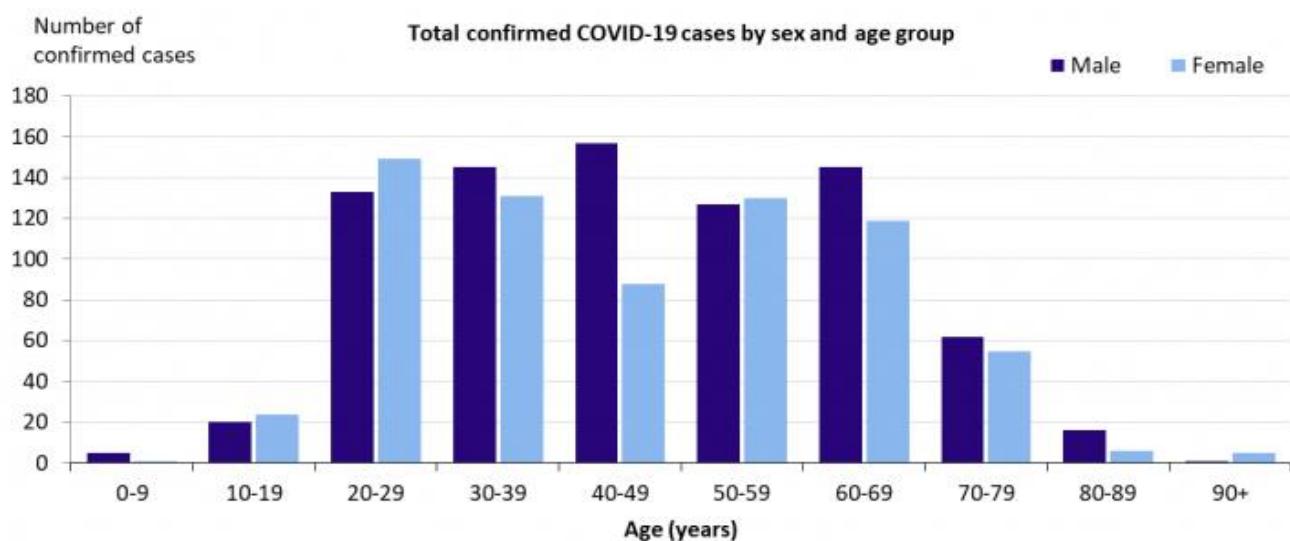
As at 3pm on 23 March 2020, in Australia, as recorded by the Department of Health, there have been 1,709 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with an additional 313 reported cases in the past 24 hours. In total, there have been 7 deaths, all of whom were over the age of 75.

Western Australia announced that it will close its borders from 1.30pm on Tuesday 24th March 2020, although exemptions will apply for essential services and workers. Interstate arrivals will be required to self-isolate for 14 days, and the border controls will apply to all road, air, rail and sea access points.

Queensland will close its borders from midnight Wednesday 25th March 2020 in a bid to contain the outbreak after 60 new cases were confirmed in the State in the past 24 hours. New arrivals into Queensland will have to self-quarantine for 14 days.

The South Australian government has declared a 'national emergency' and announced it will establish 12 border crossings where travellers will be required to sign a declaration about their health and ability to undertake mandatory self-isolation for 2 weeks. These measures will come into effect from 4pm on Tuesday 24th March 2020.

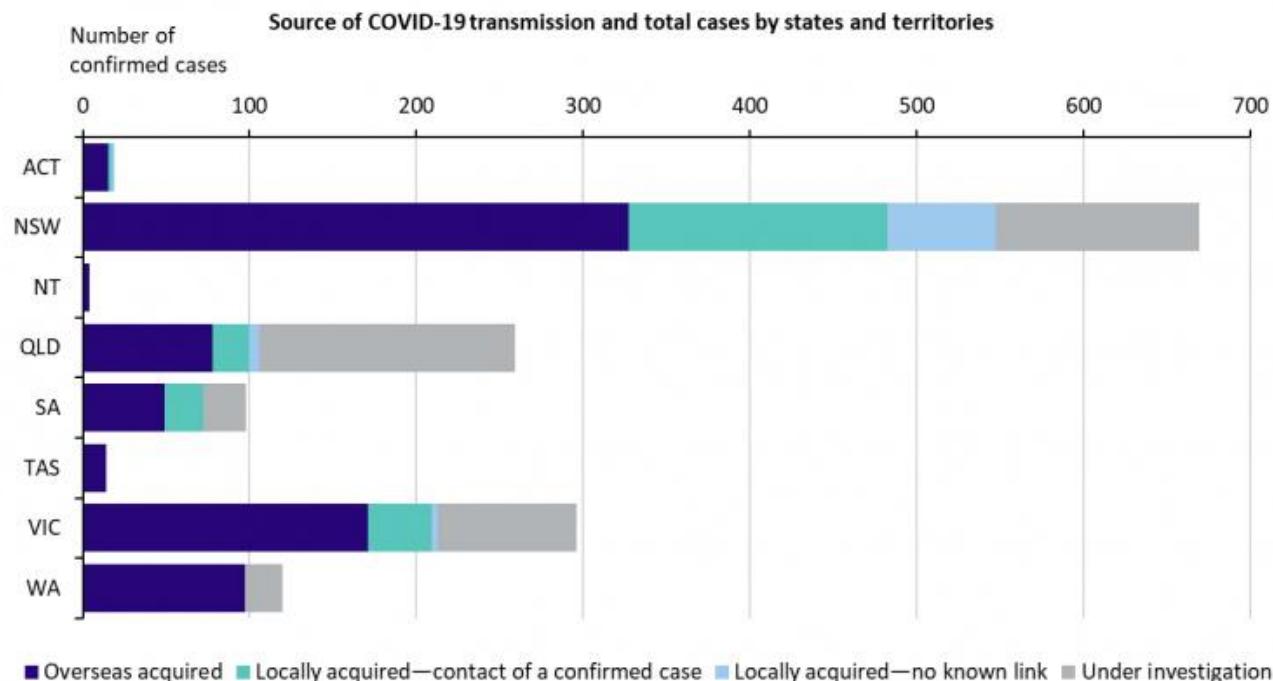
On 23 March 2020, the National Cabinet agreed to move to more widespread restrictions on social gatherings. Premiers and Chief Ministers agreed to implement, through state and territory laws, new Stage 1 restrictions on social gatherings, to be reviewed on a monthly basis. Australians should expect these measures to be in place for at least 6 months.



Source: Department of Health last updated 11.59pm 22nd March 2020.

NSW

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced at 8am on 24th March 2020 that NSW is at a ‘critical stage’ in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, after a substantial spike in confirmed cases overnight. As of this morning, NSW had recorded 818 cases of COVID-19, an increase of 149 new cases overnight. NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant stated that there were now 13 people in intensive care.



Source: Department of Health last updated 23rd March 2020.