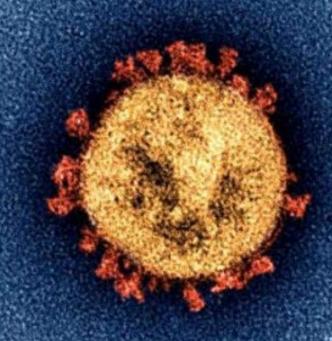
# COVID-19

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Global Cases 21,672,186

Cases by Country/Region/Sovereignty US

Brazil

India

Russia

South Africa

Peru

Mexico

Colombia

Chile

Iran

Spain

United Kingdom

Saudi Arabia

Argentina

Pakistan

Bangladesh

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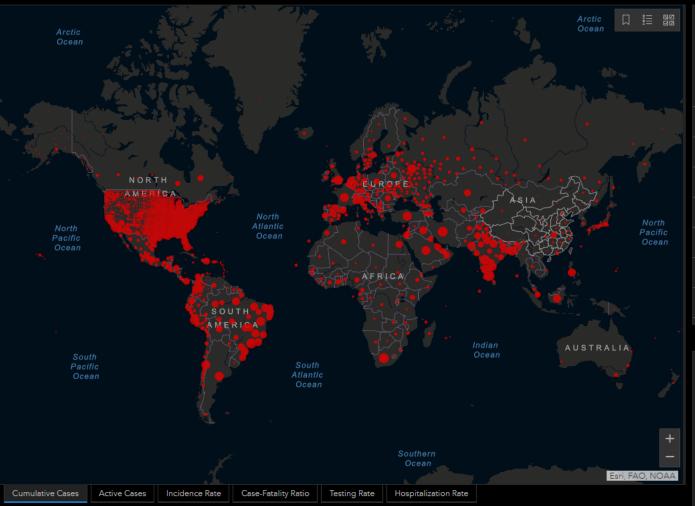
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Global Deaths US State Level 775,244 Deaths, Recovered

170.052 deaths

107.852 deaths

56,757 deaths

50,921 deaths

46,791 deaths

35,396 deaths

30,410 deaths

28,617 deaths

Global Deaths

**United Kingdom** 

Brazil

Mexico

India

Italy

France

Spain

32.840 deaths, 74.154 recovered New York US

15.912 deaths, 33.320 recovered New Jersey US

11,243 deaths, recovered California US

10,396 deaths, 399,572 recovered Texas US

9,452 deaths, recovered Florida US

8,838 deaths, 100,486 recovered Massachusetts US

7.955 deaths, recovered Illinois US

7,453 deaths, 98,323 recovered Pennsylvania US

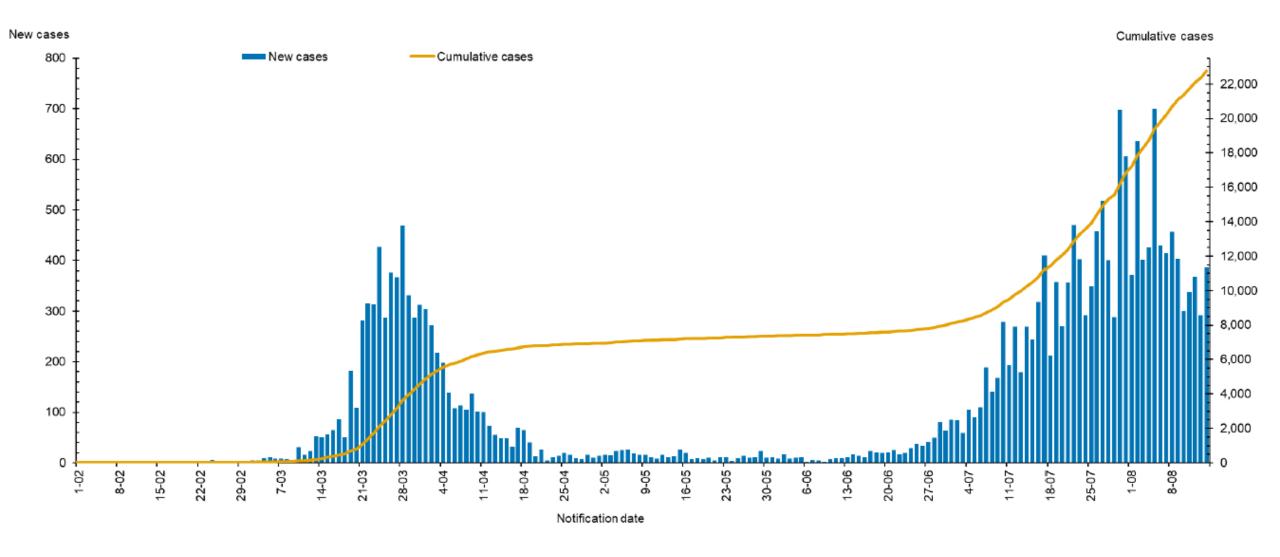
US Deaths, Recovered



Global Recovered

Figure 1. Number of new and cumulative confirmed cases, by date of notification, Australia, as at 14 August 2020

Data source: State and Territory daily reporting to the Department of Health





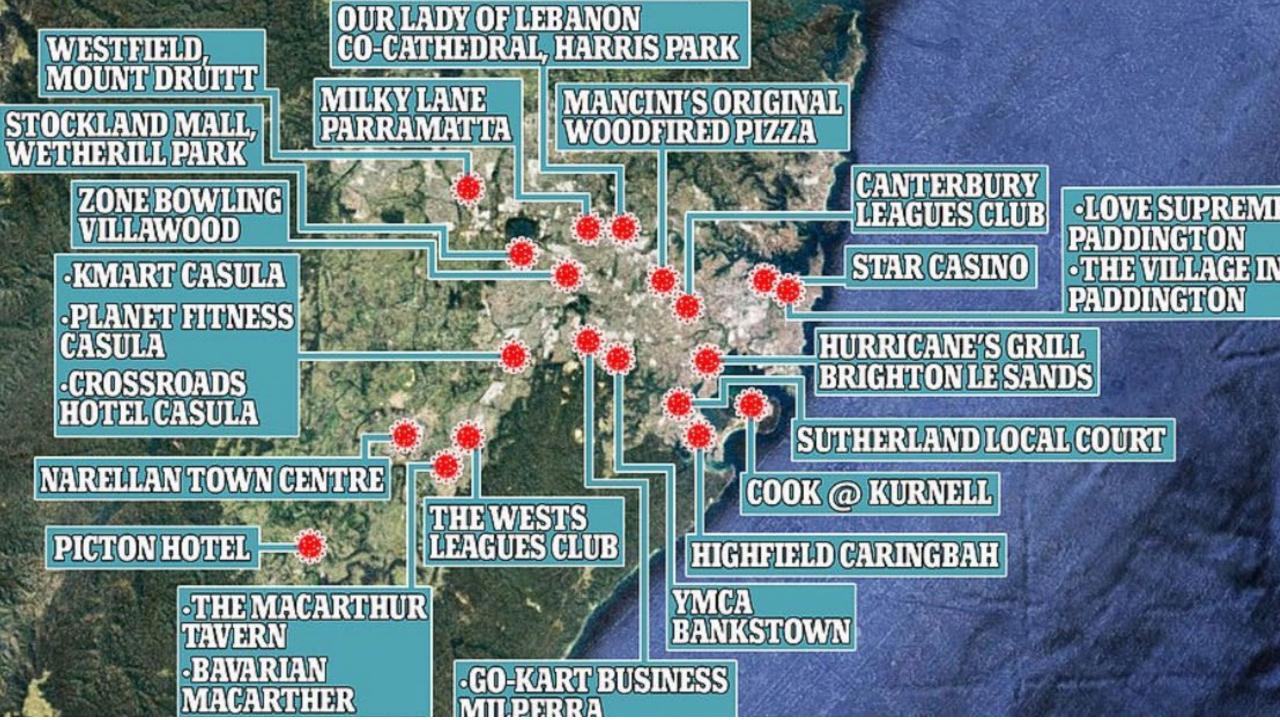
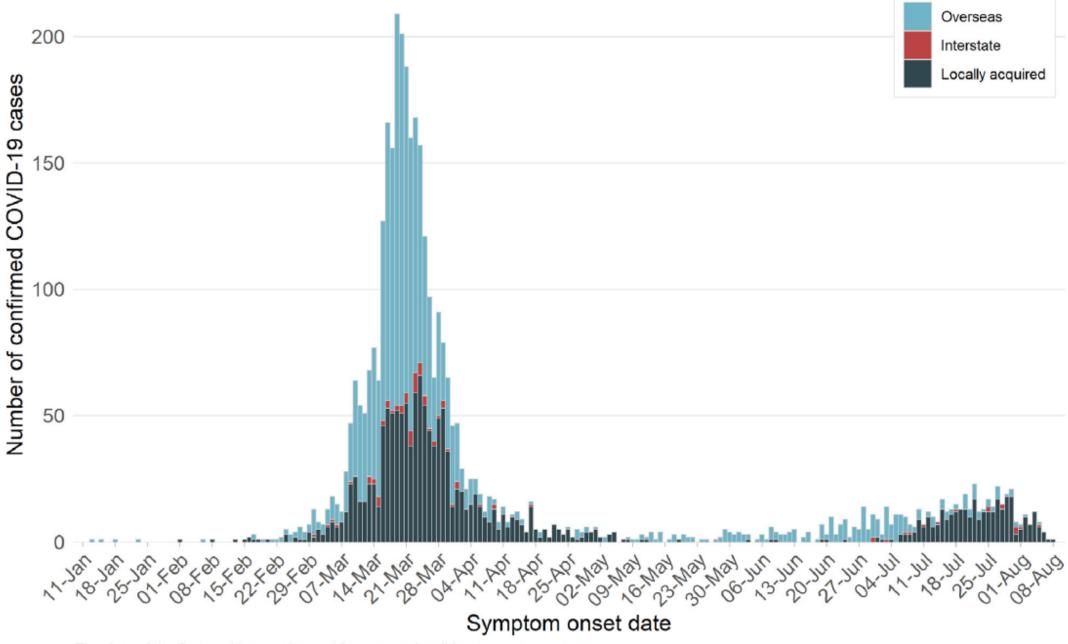
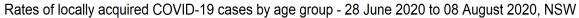


Figure 1. COVID-19 cases by likely infection source and illness onset, NSW, 2020



The date of the first positive test is used for cases who did not report symptoms.

## Very different demographic to first phase



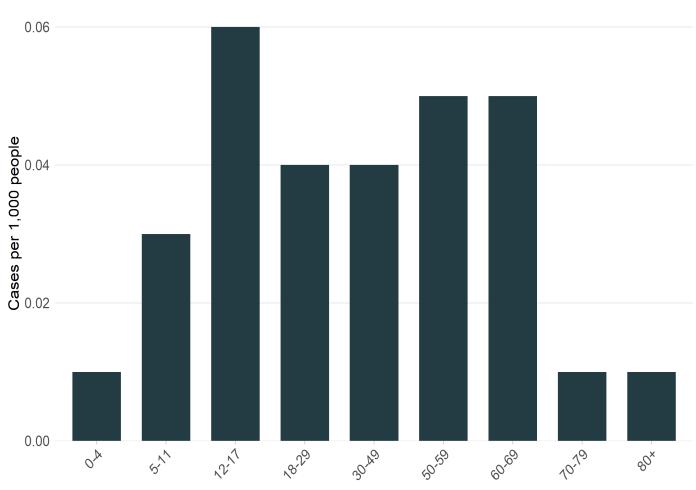




Figure 2: HNELHD confirmed COVID-19 cases, by exposure source. 1 June-14 August 2020<sup>1,2</sup>

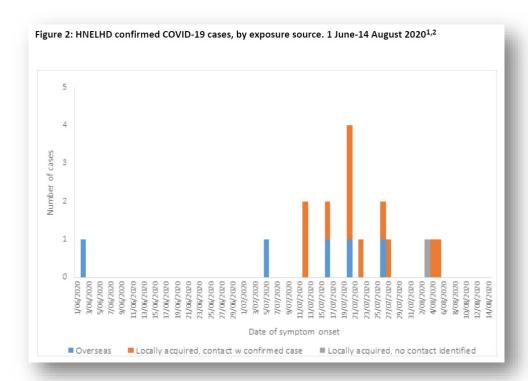


### HNE – 2<sup>nd</sup> phase

• N=17 since beginning of June

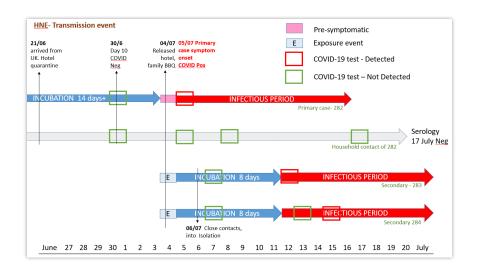


- Charlestown family cluster (3) imported from UK
- Port Stephens family cluster (7) linked to Thai Rock, Sydney
- Newcastle family cluster (3) source remains unknown (Sydney WGS)



## Key learnings

- Incubation period variable 2 to 14 days
- Infectious when asymptomatic / pre-symptomatic
- Transmission common in households. High quality isolation or alternate accommodation
- Early negative COVID PCR tests not predictive of future illness
- False negative PCRs. If COVID is highly suspected maintain isolation and repeat test



## COVID-19 traces found at Newcastle sewage treatment plant

ABC Newcastle / By Madeline Lewis
Posted 1d ago, updated 1d ago



## Sewage testing for COVID-19

- Sites across NSW from mid July, multiple sites in HNE
- RNA fragments shed in stool for median 28 days (well after infectious period)
- Known cases in the sewage catchment during this period
- Perisher sewage positive with no recognised cases
- Still evaluating utility
- COVID-19 killed by usual sewage treatment processes, including ultraviolet (UV) disinfection used at the Burwood Beach plant

## ACF staff and visitor restrictions (CHO advice)

### Ongoing restrictions still apply. Exclude staff and visitors who:

- Are symptomatic
- Close contact of confirmed COVID case (in isolation 14 days)
- Have been to Victoria or overseas in the last 14 days
- Have been to a listed venue at the dates and time listed on <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates">https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates</a> (exclude for 14 days from visit)
- Not been vaccinated against influenza (after 1 May 2020) unless exempted re medical C/I

### For listed LGAs (time limited, based on local transmission risk) eg Newcastle LGA at present

- All ACFs in the LGA closed to visitors (capacity to consider compassionate exemptions)
- Staff to wear medical masks at work
- Staff who live in listed LGA must wear a mask at work regardless of where the RACF is located.
- Visitors who **live in or have been in** the listed LGA in the previous 14 days are excluded regardless of where the RACF is located.

