



# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

RACGP Victoria update webinar  
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# Situation in Victoria

## Latest Victorian Numbers

Updated: 13 October 2020 03:50pm

**12**  
new cases  
(last 24 hours)

**8,201**  
test results received  
(last 24 hours)

**1**  
lives lost  
(last 24 hours)

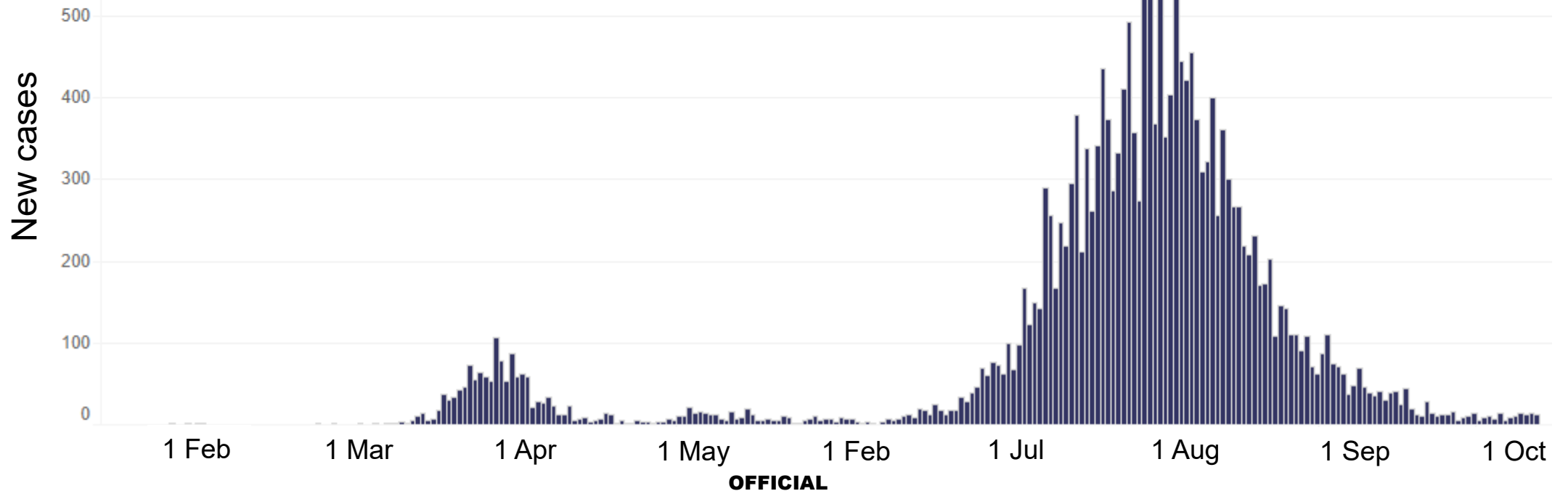
**186**  
active cases

**20,305**  
total cases

**2,858,995**  
total tests

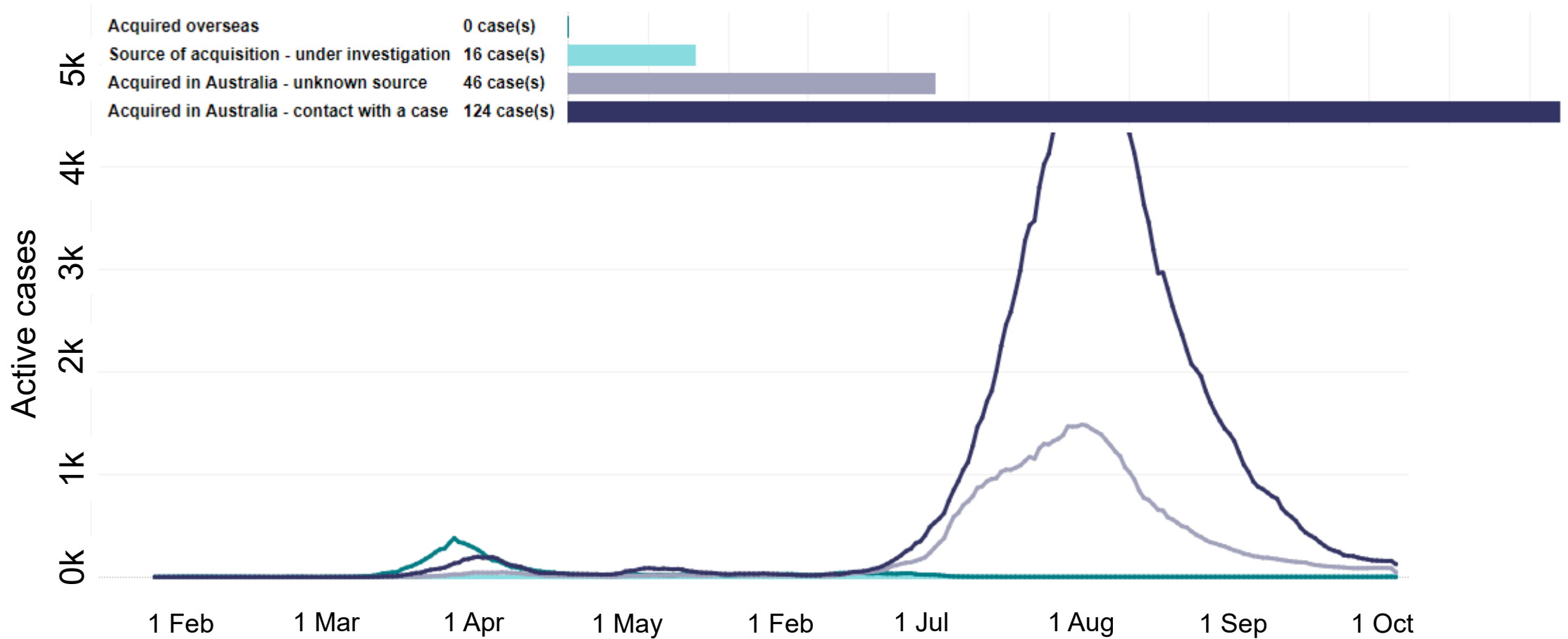
**811**  
total lives lost

**19,243**  
recovered



# Transmission of COVID-19

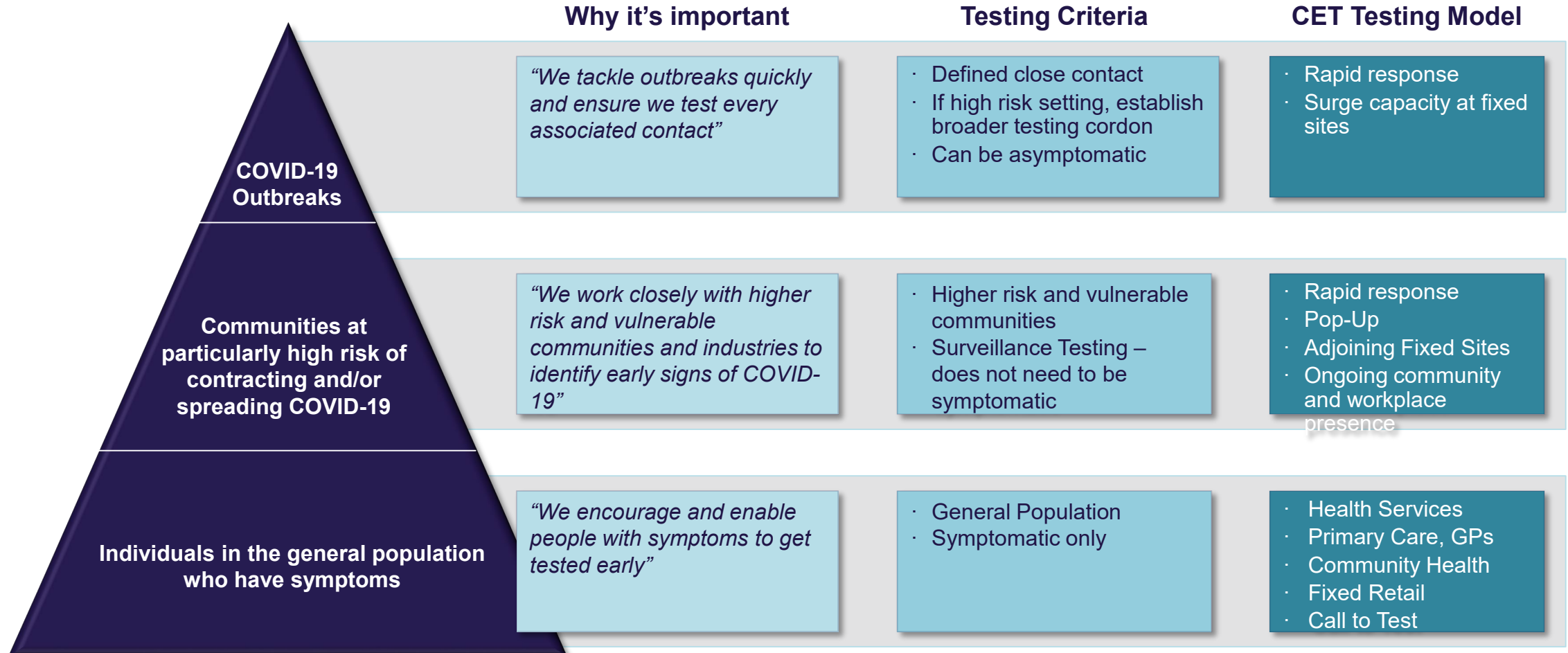
## Mode of transmission over time



# Testing Update

## Overall Strategic Approach

Over the coming months, three tiers of potential COVID-19 infection in the Victorian community require CET to deliver three levels of testing response, enabled by fast pathology turnaround times



# Testing Update

## Surveillance Testing

- 28 facilities (18 different businesses) report that surveillance testing took place last week
  - 19 metro and 9 regional
- 1,776 workers were tested from these facilities
  - Out of a weekly workforce of 8,092 which equals 22%
- These facilities came from 16 different LGAs
  - Wyndham (7), Whittlesea (3) and Geelong (3) were the most represented.

# Testing Update

## Wastewater Surveillance

- A total of 42 wastewater treatment plants participating in the state wide wastewater surveillance program
- 36 regional and 6 metro sites (inclusive of 10 new sites)

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## Saliva Testing

- Saliva Testing is underway in regional Victoria, as the government's food supply industry surveillance testing program.

### Phase 2

- We expect to test more than 700 workers each week.
- Saliva samples will be processed by the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory.
- This is part of the government's work to assess alternate ways to undertake COVID screening tests, that provide a more comfortable experience for patients

### Week of 12 October

- The testing has already taken place at Woodward Foods, Hazeldene's, and KR Castlemaine.
- Greenham's Tongala and Moira Mac's Bendigo lined up for later this week.

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# Mental health – key trends and supports

- **Children/young people** - Increased MH presentations and intentional self harm presentations to ED of 0 – 17 years to Emergency Depts.
- **Coroners Court** release of [monthly suicide data](#) – overall numbers are steady compared to 2019. Suicides of males over 65 years and under 18 years are now at the same number as all of 2019. CCV notes this does not mean there is an increased trend as overall numbers low; all deaths under coronial investigation.
- International evidence points to COVID-19 mental health impacts on women and children (UK/Italy – see [The Lancet July 2020](#))

## Supports

- New Commonwealth funded **mental health clinics**, 15 across Vic – [headtohelp.org.au](http://headtohelp.org.au) (see FAQ distributed)
- **Partners in Wellbeing** – psychosocial support service 1300 375 330
- **Beyond Blue** [Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing](#) – support service, single sessions, online forum.
- Victoria – over \$200 million mental health funding for new programs, extend existing including extended hrs, links for many services @ [dhhs.vic.gov.au/mental-health-resources-coronavirus-covid-19](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au/mental-health-resources-coronavirus-covid-19)
- Announcement Mental Health Care plans – 10 additional sessions until 30 June 2022 see [FactSheet](#)