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HEALTH SERVICES AND THERAPIST BUSINESSES

Massage therapists providing therapeutic and remedial services, and beauticians providing limited services may now operate, but must ensure risk mitigation (including distancing and hygiene) measures are in place to protect their staff and members of the public, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Businesses are required to submit a plan to the Incident controller (IO-Norfolk-Island@afp.gov.au) of how they will be able to operate with reduced risk of infection.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AMBASSADORS

Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC) are providing a group of Social Distancing Ambassadors. These roles have been filled by casual NIRC staff who are currently without work due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ambassador's role is to educate and support the community, and they will also be assisting businesses with their business plans and social distancing protocols. If you see them out and about, then stop and have a chat, whilst keeping your distance of course, or send them a friendly Norfolk wave.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – AT WORK

Steps for social distancing in the workplace include:

- stop shaking hands to greet others
- consider cancelling non-essential meetings
- if needed, hold meetings via video conferencing or phone call
- put off large meetings to a later date
- hold essential meetings outside in the open air if possible
- promote good hand, sneeze and cough hygiene
- provide alcohol-based hand rub for all staff
- eat lunch at your desk or outside rather than in the lunch room
- regularly clean and disinfect surfaces that many people touch
- open windows for more ventilation
- limit food handling and sharing of food in the workplace
- promote strict hygiene among food preparation staff and their close contacts.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – COMMUNITY SPORT & RECREATION

A set of [National Principles](#) as well as the [Australian Institute of Sport's \(AIS\) Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment](#), will guide a staged resumption of sport and recreation in Australia.

The National Principles will make clear how sport and recreational activities can only occur. Stringent public and personal health measures will need to be in place. Sport and recreation activities will resume in stages, guided by the Framework. This applies to high performance, community, and individual activities.

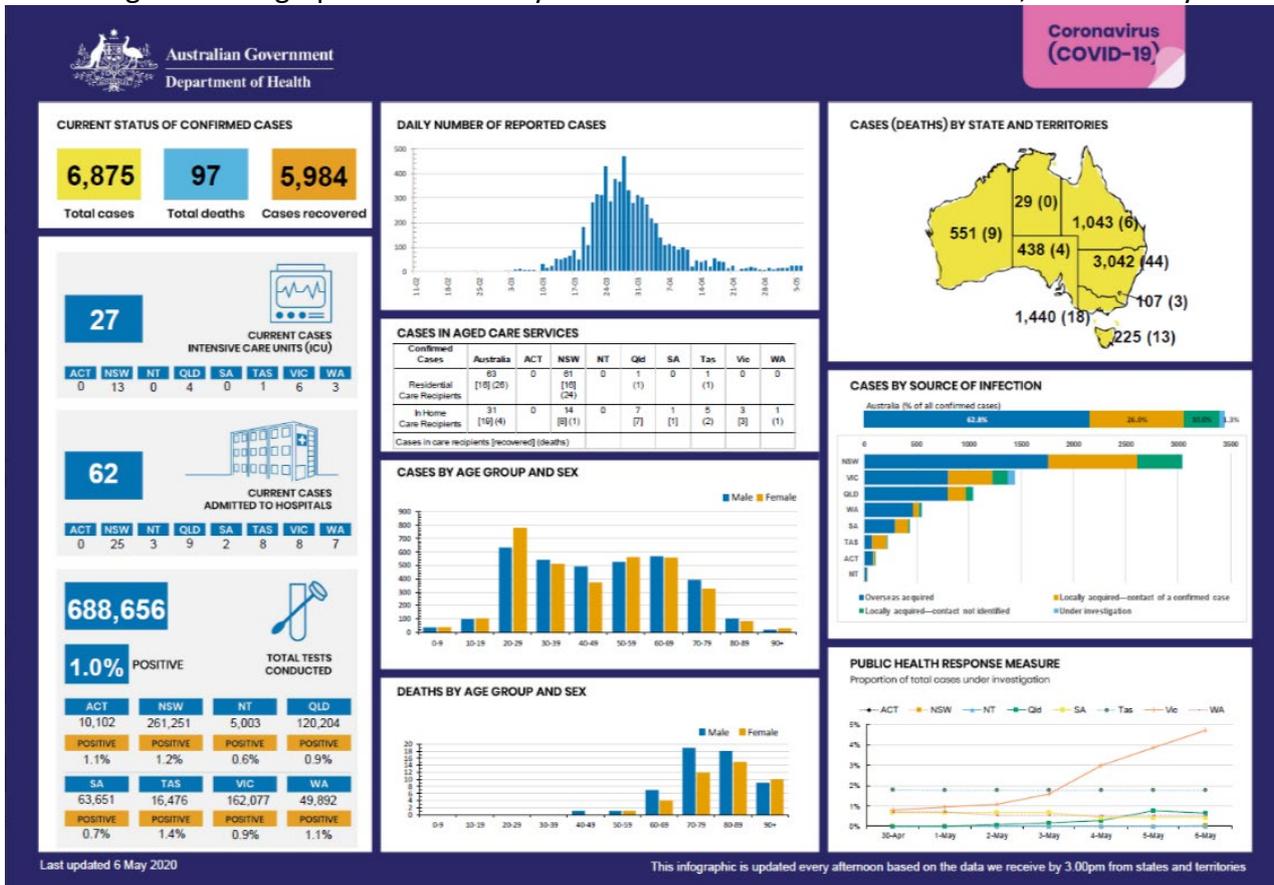
A specialist COVID-19 Sports and Health Committee will also be established. It will include relevant sports medicine and health experts from the AIS, sports, and governments to monitor and support the resumption process. It will report to the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.



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CURRENT STATUS IN AUSTRALIA

This 'at a glance' infographic is a summary of the Australian COVID-19 statistics, as at 06 May 2020



For more detailed information, visit the Australian Department of Health website page, which is updated daily. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers>

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