



Coronavirus 2019-nCoV

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QLD COVID-19 update

(14.05.2020, 0300 pm)

1052 in QLD
0 new cases

DAYS OF NO
NEW CASES
1

1,030 Cases recovered

97.9%

Australia wide



Australia (15.05.2020, 0630 am)

6,989 Total cases confirmed

98 Deaths confirmed

6,301 Cases recovered

90.1%

Economic Insights

BuzzFeed Australia latest media casualty in economic crisis

BuzzFeed has announced it will end its Australian news production “both for economic and strategic reasons”. The online media organisation said it would end its UK news output as well as its Australian coverage. Instead, it will focus on US coverage.

It is the latest casualty in the Australian media landscape, as advertising revenue dries up. Media reporter Zoe Samios discussed the issue on our daily podcast, Please Explain, yesterday.

The company was launched by Jonah Peretti in 2006, the outlet is among a generation of start-ups, also including Vice and Vox, that took the media world by storm only to run into financial difficulty as the advertising climate collapsed. As recently as 2016, the company had attracted a valuation of as much as \$1.7bn.

The unprecedented advertising slump brought on by the coronavirus has hastened the end of an already struggling business model.



Latest updates:

- More than 900,000 COVID-19 tests carried out in Australia.
- A Sydney school teacher and a person in hotel quarantine who recently returned from overseas are among NSW’s new coronavirus cases, all of which have known sources. The school is closed for cleaning after a staff member tested positive.
- Unemployment rate increases to 6.2%. Prime Minister Scott Morrison has addressed the nation’s April job figures, promising to stand by unemployed Aussies for as long is needed.
- Prime Minister Scott Morrison has warned the impending economic recession will be worse than the GFC.
- The coronavirus cluster at a Melbourne McDonald’s outlet has risen to eight infections, with two more close contacts testing positive to COVID-19.

World Situation

Hong Kong

Hong Kong has reported its first two coronavirus cases in three weeks not linked to anyone who travelled overseas, with authorities scrambling to trace the origin of the infections.

The Asian financial hub has been one of the most successful cities in the world at containing the pandemic.

With most cases imported and quarantined immediately, the discovery of new cases raises worries of renewed local transmission. Bars, gyms and cinemas reopened last week.



Worldwide Cases (15.05.2020, 0630 am)

4,413,597 Total cases confirmed
1,639,074 Total recovered
300,798 Deaths confirmed

The true figure is expected to be far higher due to the lack of widespread testing in many countries.



Book ahead and distance in queues

Premier's advice to diners NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has urged people to maintain social distancing as venues such as cafes and pubs reopen in the state tomorrow, after warning there will be an increase in cases.

"Make sure, where you can, to book ahead or ring ahead don't just go and line up outside of venue," the Premier said. "If you are lining up to potentially eat inside a venue please make sure you maintain social distancing."

The Premier encouraged people to be "mindful", saying the last thing she wanted to see was people to be infected with the disease while waiting in a queue. Cafes, restaurant and – following an announcement last night – pubs will be allowed to reopen on Friday with 10 patrons. The Premier said the limit was in place regardless of the size of the venue, or if it had multiple areas.