Australia wide

Australia (16.07.2020, 0800 am)
10,495 Total cases confirmed
111 Deaths confirmed

7,928 Cases recovered   `75.5%`

In June Australia had **93.4%**

Latest updates:

- Victoria recorded 238 new coronavirus cases on Wednesday, marking the tenth day in a row with a triple-digit increase in cases.
- A Melbourne freight worker has been linked to the outbreak of COVID-19 at Sydney's Crossroads Hotel, where the number of positive cases has now swelled to 34.
- Cases linked to Sydney's Crossroads Hotel cluster are becoming infectious as soon as one day after contracting the virus, leaving contact tracers little time to contain the spread.
- Australia's Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Nick Coatsworth says renewed calls for eliminating COVID-19 are surprising, unrealistic and dangerous.

QLD COVID-19 update
(16.07.2020, 0800 am)

1071 in QLD 0 new cases

DAYS OF NO NEW CASES 3

1,058 Cases recovered   `98.8%`

World Situation

Worldwide Cases
(16.07.2020, 0800m)

13.44 Million Total cases confirmed

7.49 Million Total recovered

581,103 Death confirmed
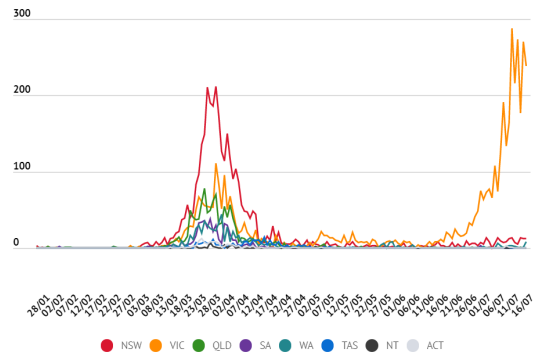
The true figure is expected to be far higher due to the lack of widespread testing in many countries.

Cases recovered world   `55.7%`

The Situation around the world

Cases recovered Russia   `70.0%`

Cases recovered Spain   `58.1%`

Cases recovered Japan   `79.3%`

Cases recovered USA   `30.8%`

Cases recovered India   `63.2%`

Cases recovered Brasil   `68.9%`

Elimination 'unrealistic and dangerous: Deputy Chief Medical Officer

Diagnoses in states and territories over time

NSW   VIC   QLD   SA   WA   TAS   NT   ACT

Source: covid19data.com.au

Elimination versus suppression of the coronavirus continues to be a hot issue. Yesterday, an infectious diseases expert and epidemiologist argued that Australia should aim for elimination.

Stephen Duckett, a health economist from think-tank the Grattan Institute, revisited his call for Victorian health authorities to declare a goal of eliminating the virus in the state.

Mr Duckett's view is that the economic costs of rolling lockdowns when outbreaks occur until a vaccine is developed would be greater than a shorter period of strict lockdown that could drive daily case numbers down to zero for an extended period of time.

Read more here

Eliminating COVID is a false hope, but 'aggressive suppression' is working...

https://www.smh.com.au/national/eliminating-covid-is-a-false-hope-but-aggressive-suppression-is-working-20200715-p55c8e.html