



Australia's COVID-19 Policies for Older Persons

Australia's approach to protecting older persons during COVID-19 is making them safer at home or in aged care facilities through remote services, personal outreach, health information, and direct financial support.

Residential Aged Care



20% of those over 80 and 6% of those 65-80 live in residential aged care facilities full-time

Visitors limited



The government issued guidance to limit the number of visitors per resident in aged care to 2 per day

COVID-19 Phone Line



A COVID-19 call line was established for older persons to get information and access companionship

Special services and deliveries



Older persons qualify for delivery of meals, groceries, and medications

PPE priority for aged care facilities



Aged care facilities may request PPE from the government through a special procedure

Telehealth services



Australians over 70 or who are immunocompromised are encouraged to access medical care remotely

Vaccine priority



Older Australians and aged care workers will be among the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available

Economic support



Older Australians qualified for several direct economic stimulus payments and some qualified for unemployment benefits