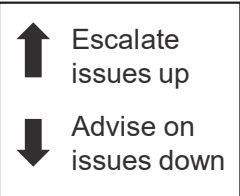


# OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT: Governance Structure



**Senior Inter-governmental Oversight Group (SIOG)**

- Deputy Secretary of Ageing and Aged Care, Commonwealth Department of Health
- Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner
- Deputy Secretary of Health System Strategy and Planning, NSW Ministry of Health
- State Manager NSW and ACT, Department of Health,
- Deputy Controller, Operations Team, NSW Ministry of Health,

- Endorse Outbreak Management Plan – noting it will remain dynamic
- Monitor progress of outbreak management
- Agree any actions required to address critical or emerging issues that require government support
- Advise relevant Ministers on outbreak response
- Communicate with peak bodies

**Standards and Logistical Support Team**

- Clinical Adviser, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission
- State Manager NSW and ACT, Department of Health
- Primary Health Network
- NSW Ministry of Health
- Clinical Excellence Commission

- Support outbreak management response
- Identify and respond to regulatory compliance concerns
- Document agreed actions
- Escalate trigger events/issues

- Trigger events to escalate to SIOG:**
- Situation rapidly deteriorates.
  - Provider does not demonstrate capability to effectively lead and manage the outbreak response.
  - RACF premises are unsuitable to manage the outbreak effectively.
  - Local Health District does not have capacity to provide a clinical outreach response.
  - Any other issue impacting effectively managing the outbreak.

**Outbreak Management Team**

- RACF
- Public Health Unit
- Department of Health
- NSW Ministry of Health
- Local Health District Clinical Team
- Clinical Excellence Commission

- Oversee RACF implementing the Outbreak Management Plan
- Implement appropriate control measures (e.g. restrict resident movement and visitor access, audit infection prevention and control)
- Assess staff resources and surge staff planning
- Ensure resources are adequate
- Identify and investigate all positive COVID-19 cases

**Residential Aged Care Provider**

**Lead outbreak response**

- Manage outbreak response as required by legislation and policy (Aged Care Act 1997, CDNA Guidelines, relevant NSW legislation)
- Establish Outbreak Management Team with support from PHU and co-chair meetings
- Develop and lead Outbreak Management Plan, advised by Outbreak Management Team.
- Regularly communicate with residents and their representatives, updating them on the outbreak response and each resident's circumstance and preferences



Ref: Protocol to support joint management of a COVID-19 outbreak in a residential aged care facility (RACF) in NSW – Joint protocol between NSW Health and Department of Health dated 23 June