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*Figure S1. Distribution of delays from the date of symptom onset to date of report. For input to the model, a report delay distribution was estimated using EpiNow2’s estimate\_delay function (Abbott et al, 2020b). A log-normal distribution (red curve) was fitted to 100 subsampled bootstraps of the onset-to-report delays from 3208 cases reported between 17 August 2021 and 18 January 2022 (excluding 9 cases with delays greater than 60 days), taking (with replacement) 250 samples from these delays in each bootstrap. Using the posterior samples, the parameters of the log-normal distribution were estimated to be μ = 0.988 (SD = 0.088) and σ = 0.847 (SD = 0.063).*

*Table S2. Parameters (μ and σ) of the log-normal distribution fitted to onset-to-report delays for each month independently from 17 August 2021 – 18 January 2022.*

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| **Month of report** | ***μ*** | ***σ*** |
| 17/08/2021 – 16-09/2021 | 0.979 (SD 0.084) | 0.854 (SD 0.067) |
| 17/09/2021 – 16-10/2021 | 0.904 (SD 0.086) | 0.898 (SD 0.072) |
| 17/10/2021 – 16/11/2021 | 0.988 (SD 0.077) | 0.799 (SD 0.068) |
| 17/11/2021 – 16/12/2021 | 1.010 (SD 0.085) | 0.876 (SD 0.067) |
| 17/12/2021 – 18/01/2022 | 1.071 (SD 0.076) | 0.806 (SD 0.059) |

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*Figure S3: Estimated effective reproduction number, R*t*, over time (light ribbon = 90% credible interval [CrI]; dark ribbon = 20% CrI) using a gamma-distributed generation time with mean of 3.6 days and SD of 3.1 days (green); a shorter mean 3.2 days and SD 2.4 days (blue); and a longer mean 4.6 days and SD 3.1 days (orange). Estimates up to 9 January 2022 are based on full data; estimates from 10 January to 18 January are based on partial data and have been adjusted for right truncation of infections.*