

Flutracking Interim Weekly Report

Week #32 - ending 15 August 2010

Summary: Influenza-like illness rates have increased in unvaccinated participants to above 4%. The sustained rise is consistent with broadening influenza activity in the community.

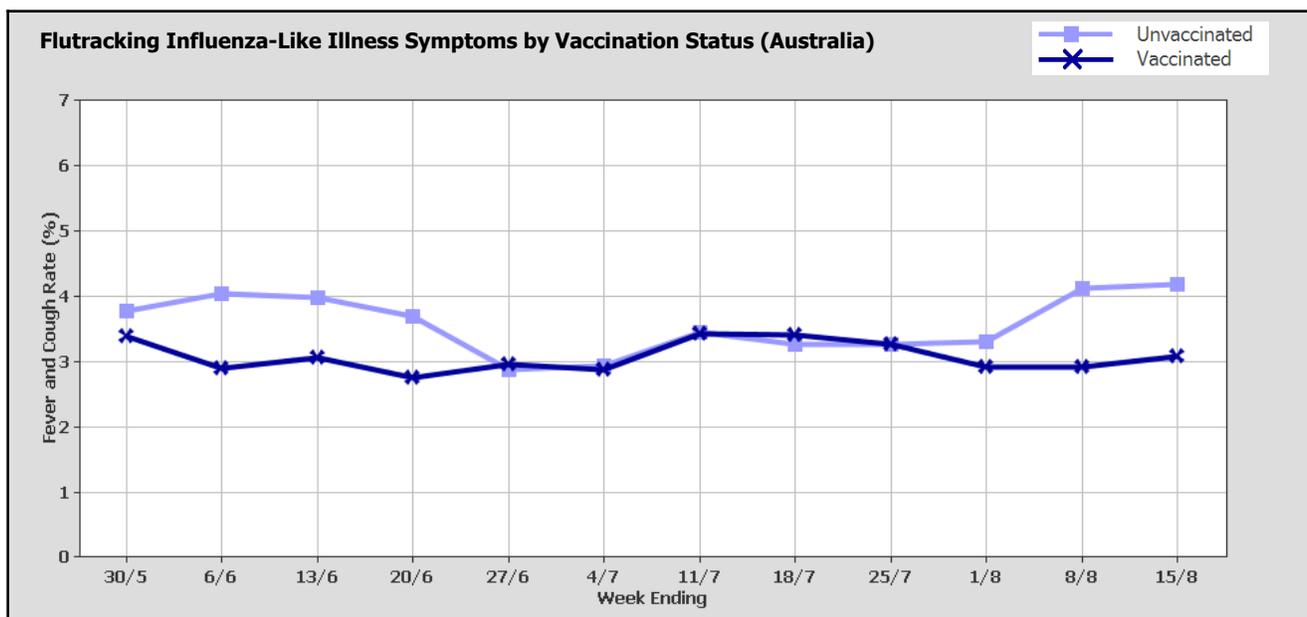
This survey was sent on Monday 16 August 8:07 AM and by Thursday 19 August 9:00 AM we had received 10113 responses (9682 last week) from 7204 people responding for themselves and 2909 household members across Australia.

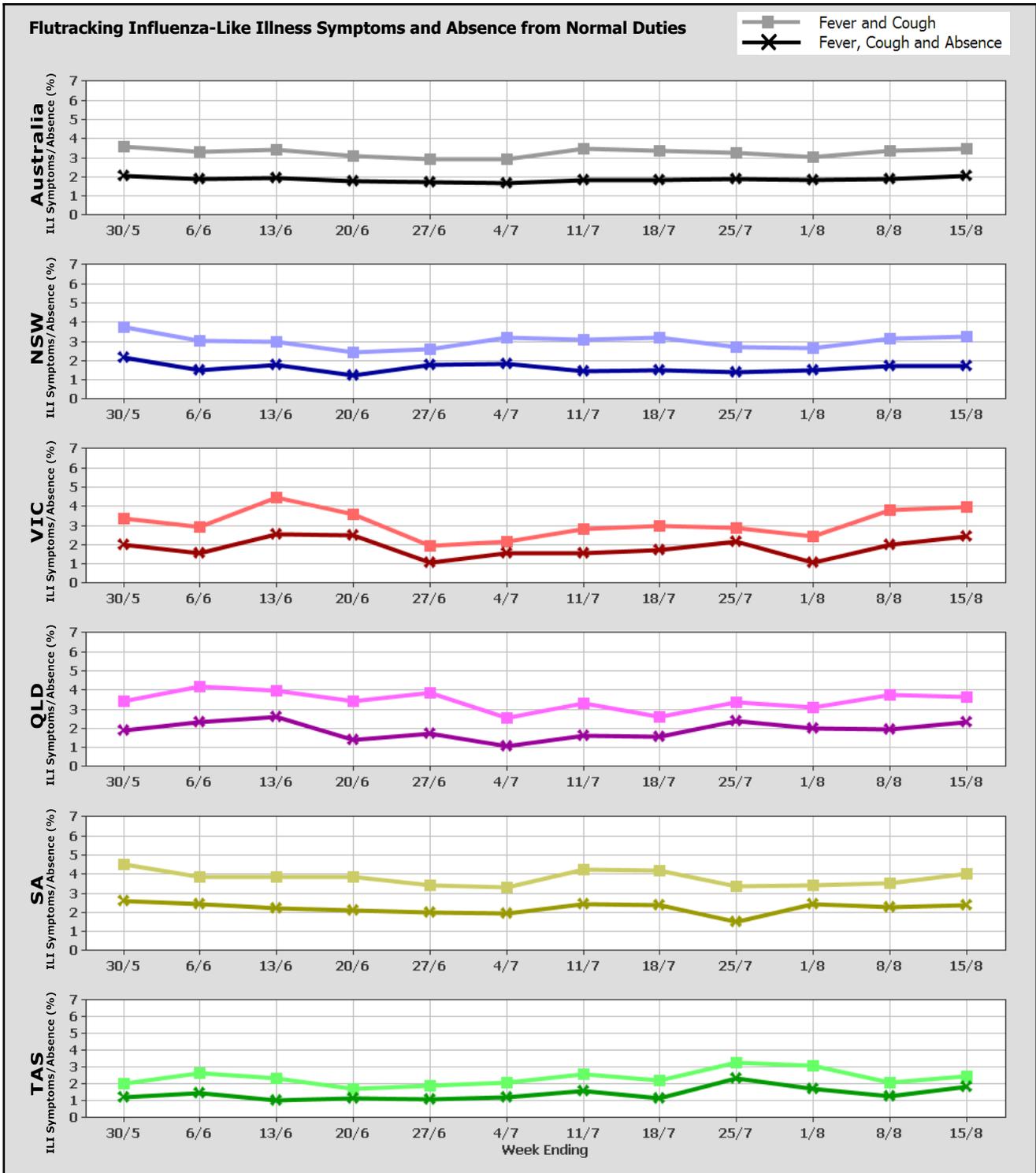
Respondent Numbers by Jurisdiction

State/Territory	Respondents	Percentage
NSW	2986	29.5%
VIC	1411	14.0%
QLD	1038	10.3%
SA	2517	24.9%
WA	418	4.1%
TAS	1204	11.9%
NT	311	3.1%
ACT	228	2.3%
Totals	10113	100.0%

We are now comparing symptom rates for participants who were not vaccinated for influenza and participants who were vaccinated with either the seasonal trivalent influenza vaccine or the monovalent H1N1 pandemic vaccine. Across Australia, fever and cough was reported by 3.1% of vaccinated participants and 4.2% of unvaccinated participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 1.8% of vaccinated participants and 2.5% of unvaccinated participants.

For participants this week, 6478/10113 (64.1%) have received the monovalent and/or the 2010 seasonal vaccine so far. Of the 2275 participants who identified as working face-to-face with patients, 1771 (77.8%) have received one or both of these vaccines.





To see latest maps of influenza-like illness activity:

www.flutracking.net/maps.php

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