



FluTracking

## Weekly Interim Report: Australia

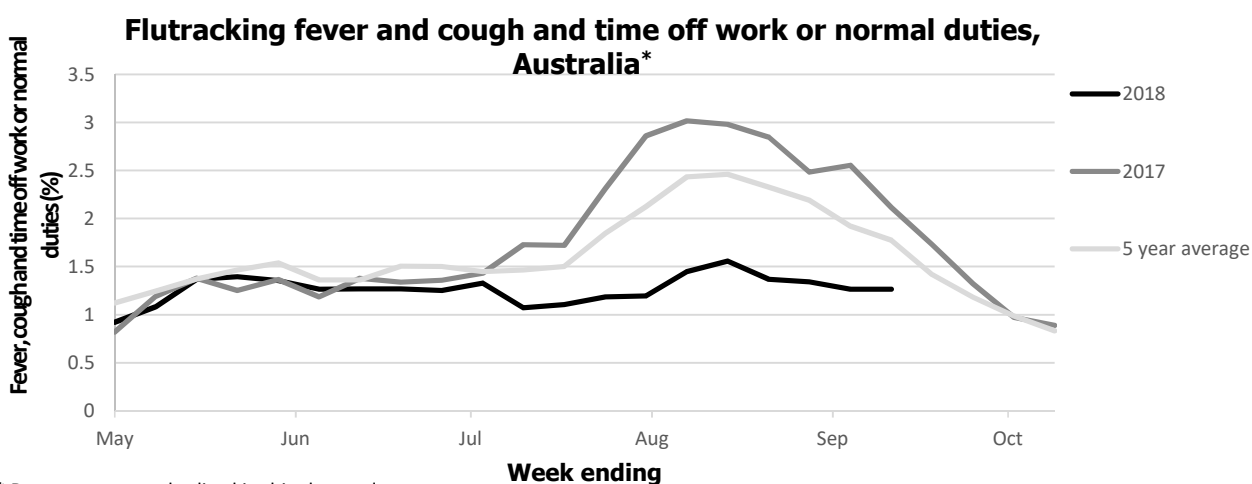
week ending 16 September 2018

(Data received up to 09:00 AM, Thursday 20 September)

### Low levels of influenza-like illness activity

**33,034 participants this week**

*Flu Symptom Activity: low levels of flu -like symptoms: Fever, cough & time off: 1.3% (2.1% this time last year, lower than 5 year average)*

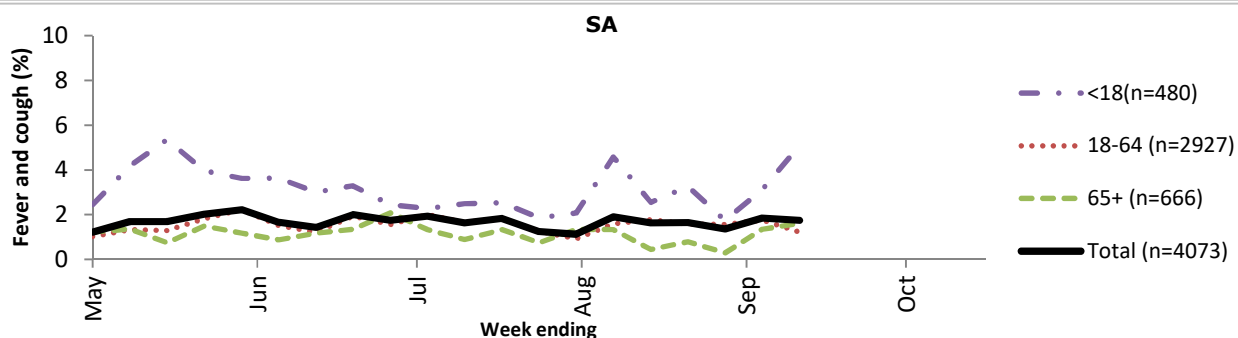
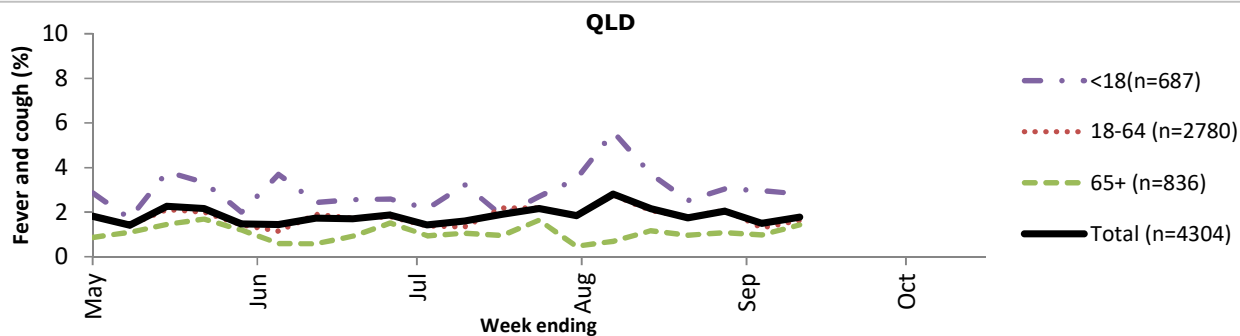
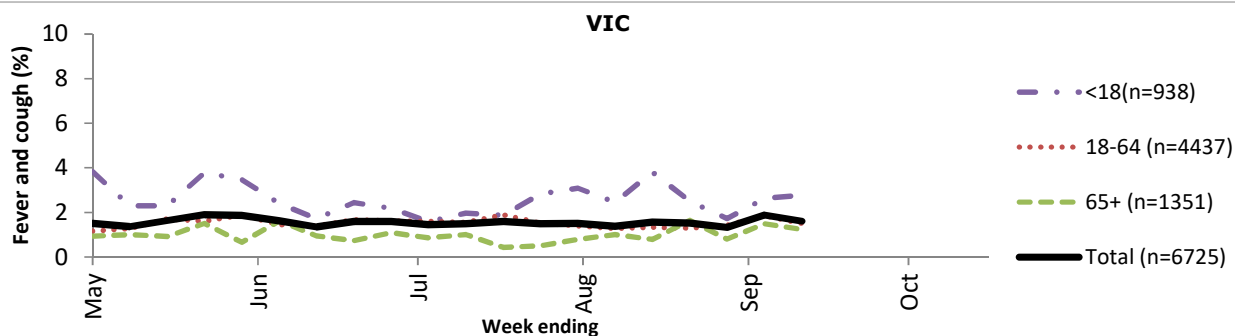
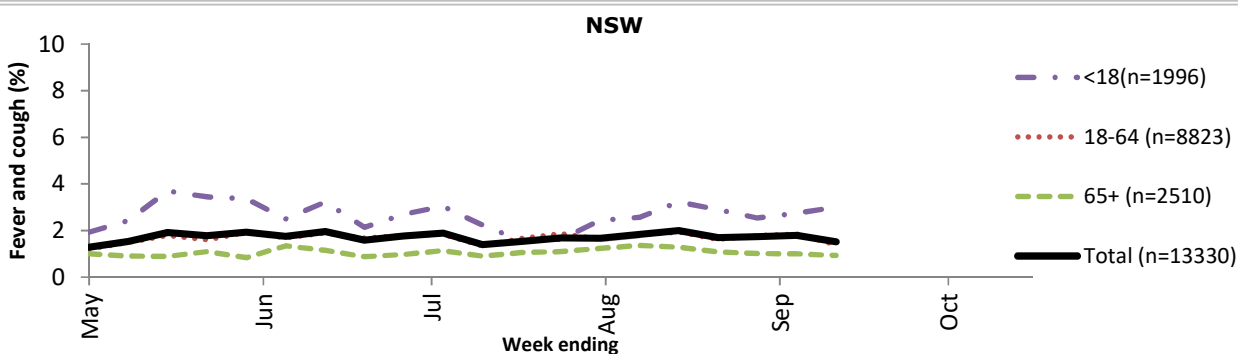
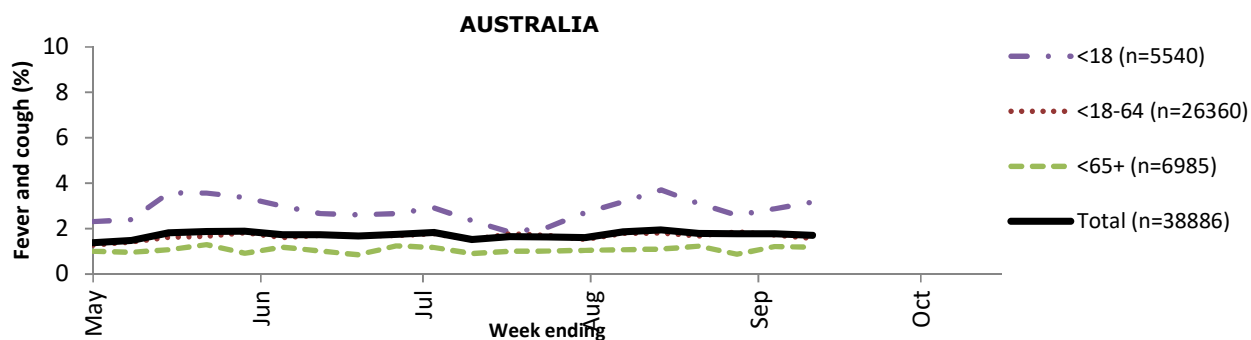


### Flu symptom Severity: 28.4% participants sought medical advice

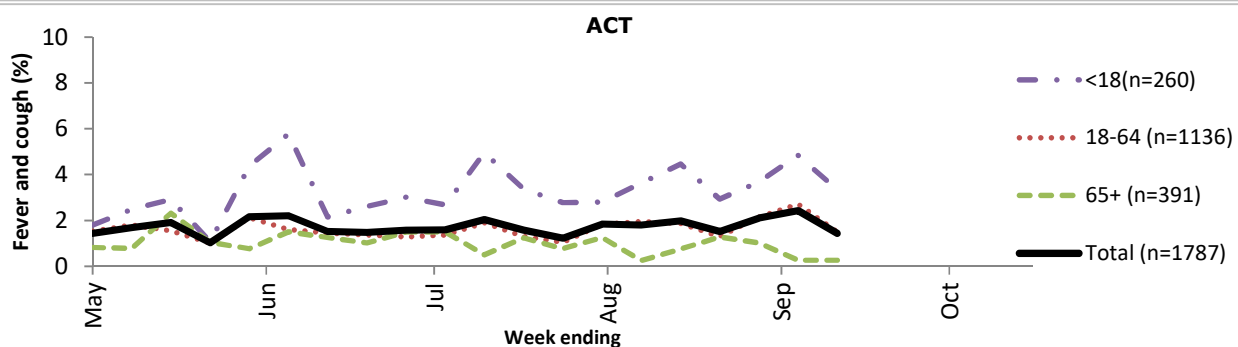
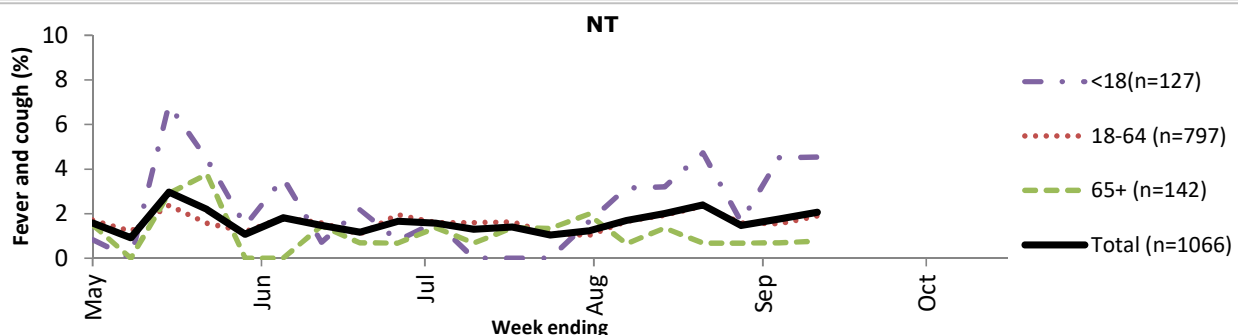
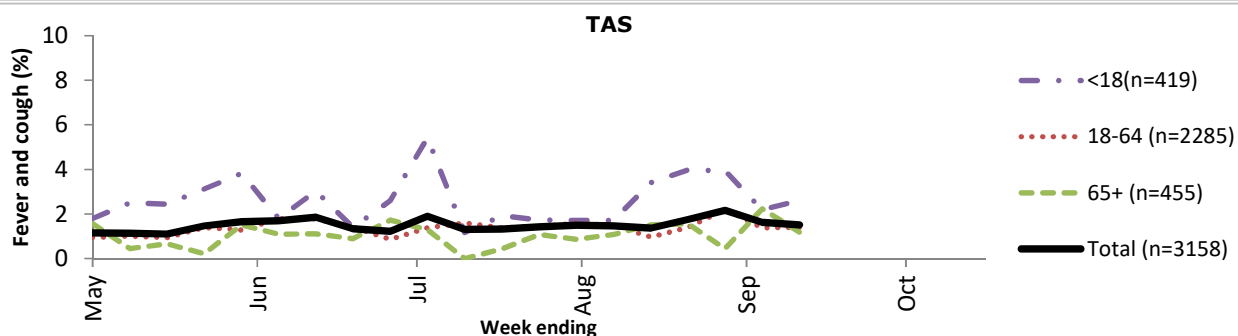
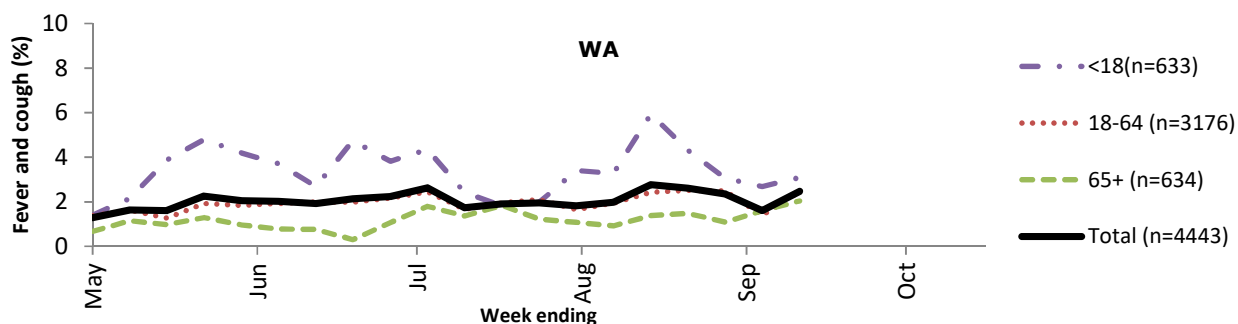
| Influenza-like illness Severity                         | Week ending 09 September 2018 | Week ending 16 September 2018 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                         | # (%)                         | # (%)                         |
| <b>Number of participants</b>                           | <b>33192 (100%)</b>           | <b>33034 (100%)</b>           |
| Fever & cough                                           | 598 (1.8%)                    | 562 (1.7%)                    |
| Fever, cough & time-off normal duties                   | 390 (1.2%)                    | 346 (1%)                      |
| Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work or normal duties | 211 (0.6%)                    | 166 (0.5%)                    |
| <b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>      | <b>598 (100%)</b>             | <b>562 (100%)</b>             |
| *Sought medical advice for fever and cough              | 188 (31.4%)                   | 162 (28.8%)                   |
| Diagnosis of influenza                                  | 30 (5%)                       | 23 (4.1%)                     |
| Admitted to hospital                                    | 6 (1%)                        | 1 (0.2%)                      |
| Tested for influenza                                    | 21 (3.5%)                     | 17 (3%)                       |
| Tested, result positive                                 | 6 (1%)                        | 2 (0.4%)                      |

\*Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever & cough

## Flu activity by State/Territory and Age Group: illness highest in children & WA



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Participation: 33,034 participants (33,192 last week)

| State | Participants | %      | Rate/100,000 participants |
|-------|--------------|--------|---------------------------|
| NSW   | 11281        | 34.1%  | 142.9                     |
| VIC   | 5823         | 17.6%  | 91.6                      |
| QLD   | 3672         | 11.1%  | 74.2                      |
| SA    | 3497         | 10.6%  | 202.5                     |
| WA    | 3646         | 11.0%  | 140.9                     |
| TAS   | 2714         | 8.2%   | 519.9                     |
| NT    | 874          | 2.6%   | 355.1                     |
| ACT   | 1527         | 4.6%   | 370.1                     |
| AUS   | 33034        | 100.0% | 133.7                     |

*Vaccination rates: 68.9%*

Vaccinated participants:

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| <5 years              | 60.9 |
| 5-17 years            | 33.6 |
| 18-64 years           | 69.3 |
| 65+ years             | 87.7 |
| Working with patients | 84.7 |



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