



FluTracking

## Weekly Interim Report: Australia

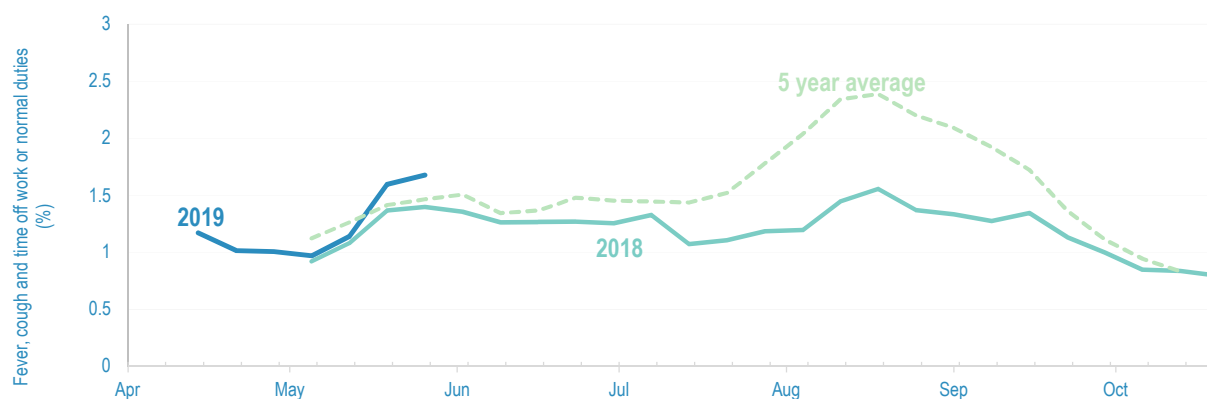
Week ending 26 May 2019

(Data received up to 09:00 AM, Thursday 30 May)

### Low levels of influenza-like illness activity 40,167 participants this week

#### Flu Symptom Activity:

**Low levels of fever, cough & time off work or normal duties: 1.7% this week (higher than 5 year average)**

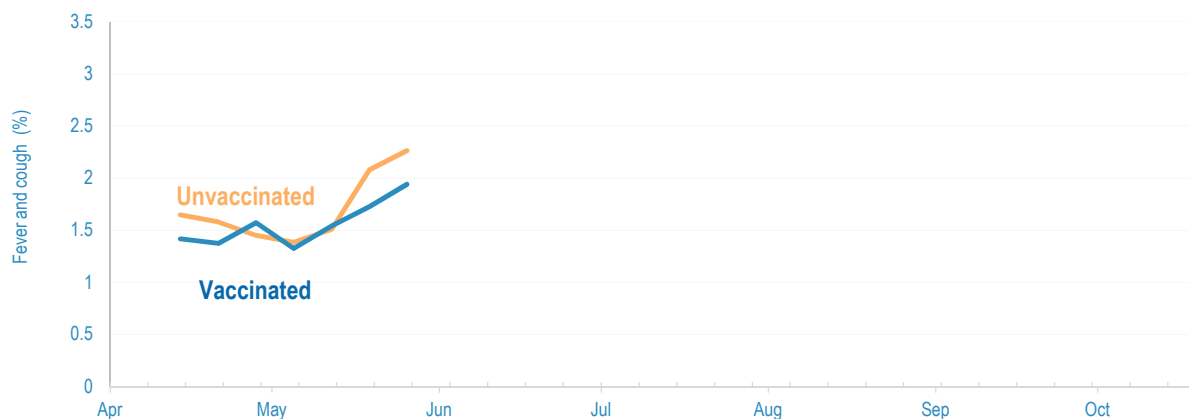


\*5 year average is calculated using 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 data

<sup>A</sup> Data are age standardised in this chart only

#### Flu Symptom Activity by vaccination status:

**0.3% higher fever and cough in unvaccinated group this week**



## Flu symptom Severity:

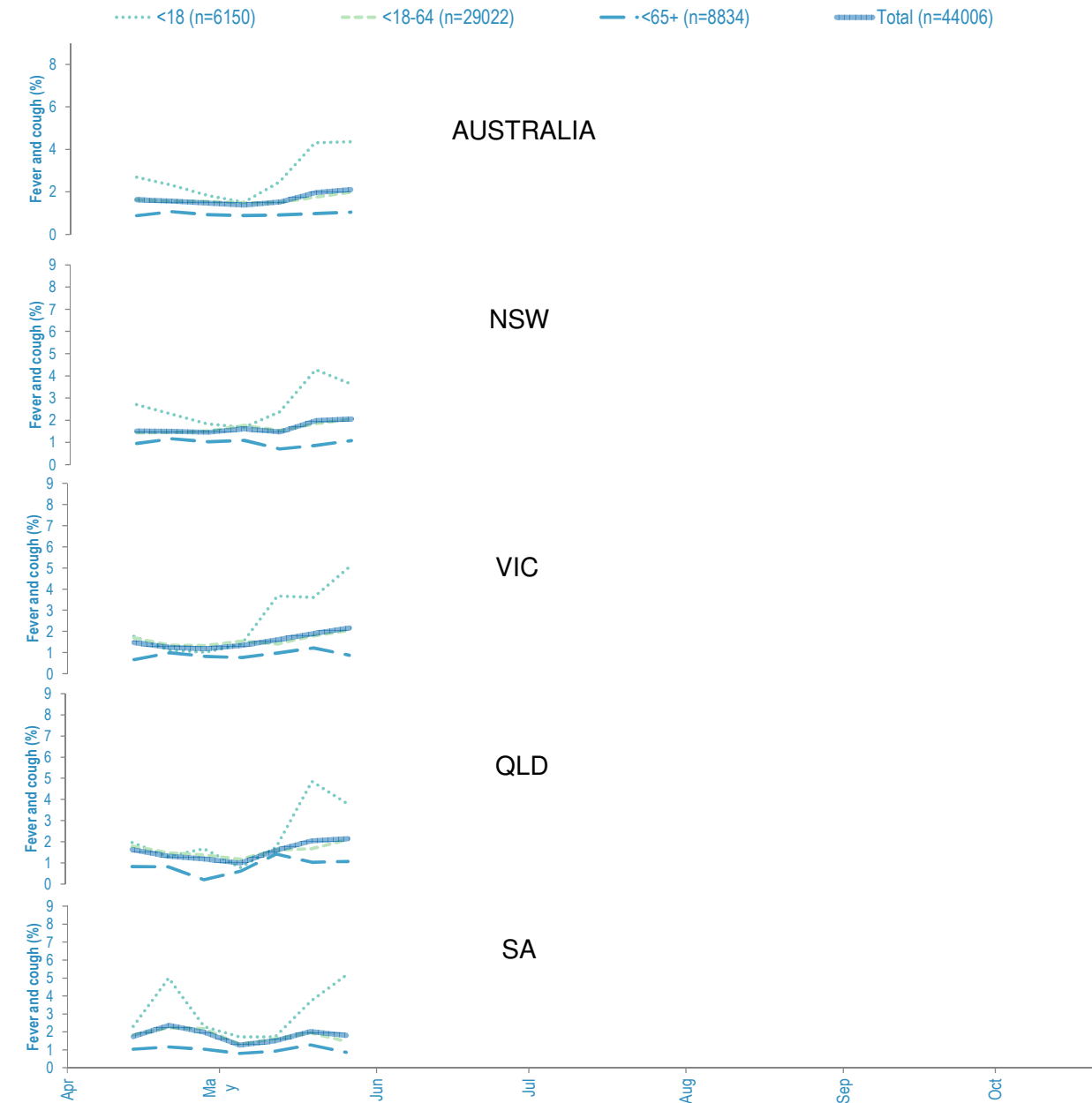
**28.1% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week**

Influenza-like illness Severity	Week ending 26 May 2019	Week ending 19 May 2019
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	40167 (100%)	39952 (100%)
Fever & cough	848 (2.1%)	775 (1.9%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	569 (1.4%)	527 (1.3%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	297 (0.7%)	285 (0.7%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	848 (100%)	775 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	238 (28.1%)	262 (33.8%)
Diagnosis of influenza	53 (6.3%)	80 (10.3%)
Admitted to hospital	4 (0.5%)	1 (0.1%)
Tested for influenza	35 (4.1%)	44 (5.7%)
Tested, result positive	9 (1.1%)	19 (2.5%)

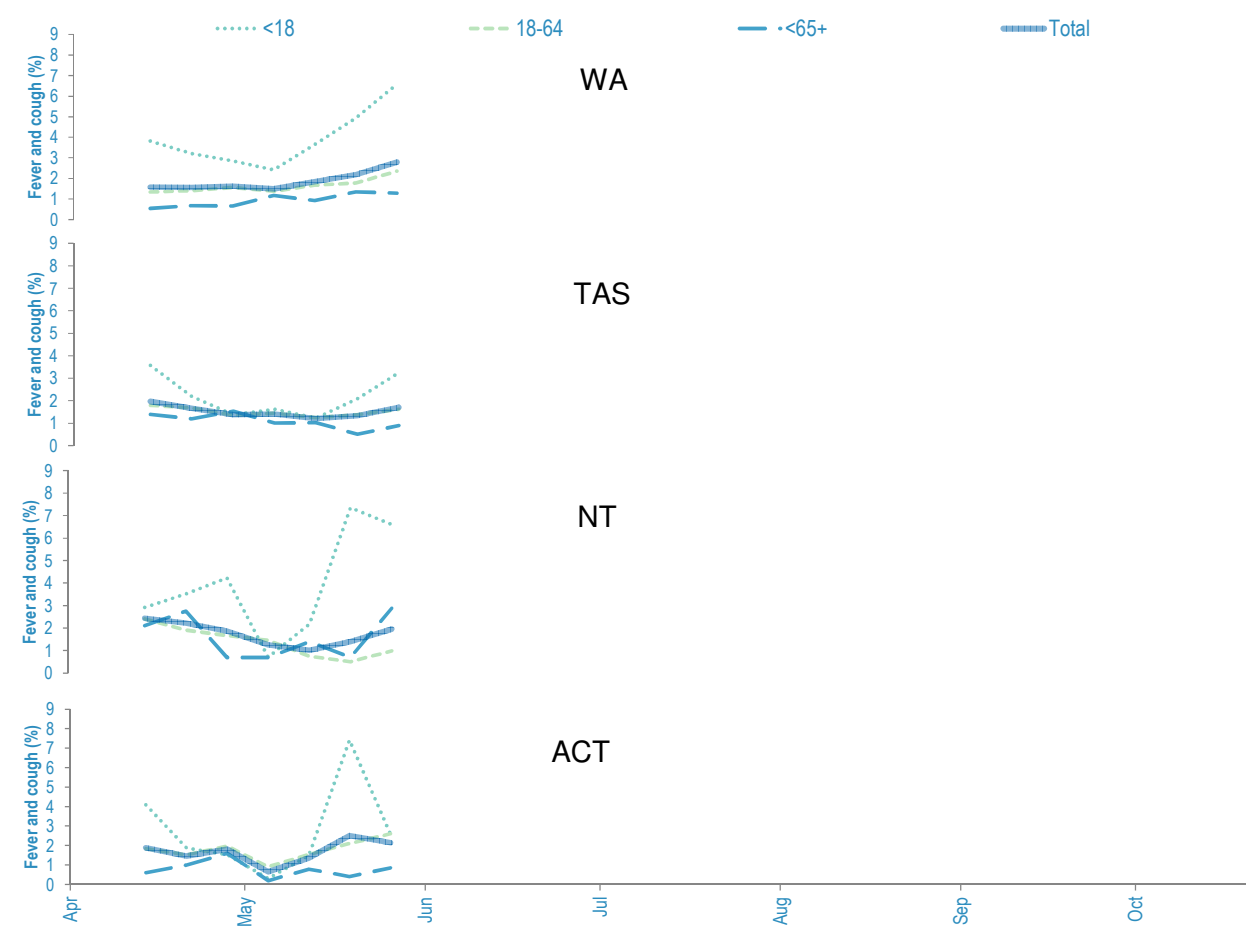
\*Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever & cough

Flu activity by State/Territory and Age Group:

Increasing fever and cough activity in participants < 18 years of age in most states/territories



Flu activity by State/Territory and Age Group:



Participation:

40,167 participants (39,952 last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	13667	34.0% 173.1
VIC	7359	18.3% 115.7
QLD	4334	10.8% 87.6
SA	4180	10.4% 242.1
WA	4404	11.0% 170.2
TAS	3402	8.5% 651.7
NT	969	2.4% 393.7
ACT	1852	4.6% 448.9
AUS	40167	100.0% 162.6

Vaccination rates:

Vaccination rates: 63.6% overall

Vaccinated participants:	%
<5 years	52.4
5-17 years	32.8
18-64 years	63.7
65+ years	80.6
Working with patients	76.3

