



FluTracking Weekly Interim Report Australia

Week ending 23 Feb 2020

Low levels of influenza-like illness activity.

This survey was sent on Monday, 24 Feb 2020 at 01:01 AM and by 09:00 AM, Thursday 27 Feb we had received 41268 responses from 24375 people responding for themselves and 16893 household members across Australia.

Respondent Numbers by Jurisdiction

State	Respondents	Percentage
NSW	14170	34.3%
VIC	7797	18.9%
QLD	4438	10.8%
SA	4216	10.2%
WA	4437	10.8%
TAS	3212	7.8%
NT	953	2.3%
ACT	2045	5.0%
Australia	41268	100.0%

Across Australia, fever and cough was reported by 1.6% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 1.0% of participants.

Fever and cough rates were higher for younger participants, with 6.5% of participants aged 0-4 years, and 3.0% of participants aged 5-17 years reporting fever and cough, compared with 1.4% and 0.98% of participants aged 18-64 and 65+ respectively.

Influenza-like illness Severity	Week ending 23 Feb 2020
Number of participants	41234 (100.0%)
Fever and cough	620 (1.5%)
Fever, cough and time-off normal duties	402 (1.0%)
Fever, cough and 3 or more days off work or normal duties	215 (0.5%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	620 (100.0%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	205 (33.1%)
Admitted to hospital	6 (1.0%)
Tested for influenza	19 (3.1%)
Tested, result positive (influenza)	11 (1.8%)
Tested for COVID-19	7 (1.1%)

Summary of ILI severity for the current and previous week.

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