



# 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.