

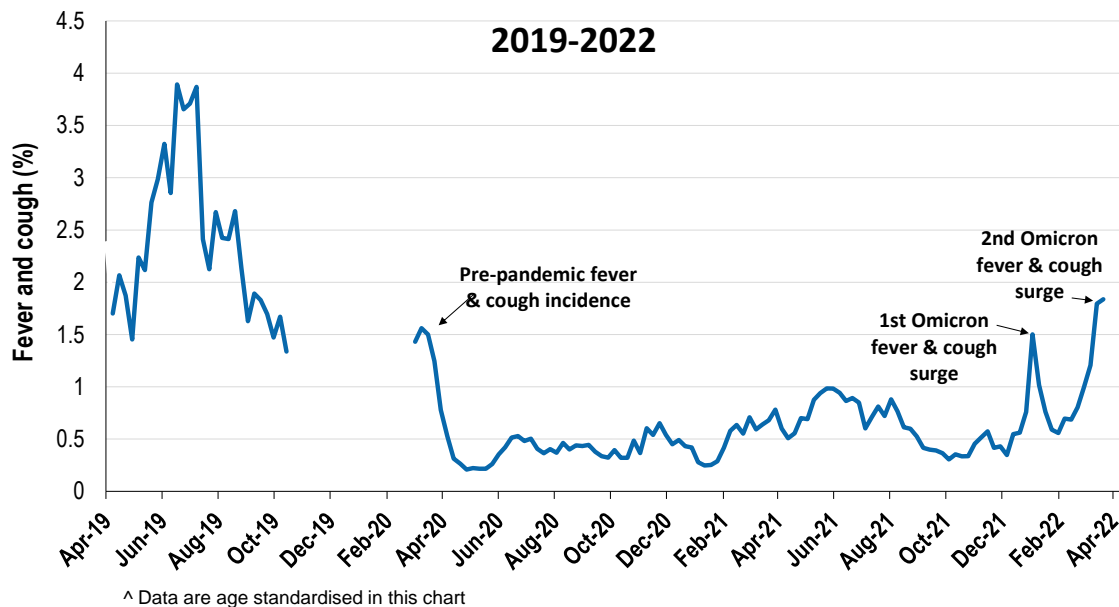
Respiratory illness levels continue to increase, particularly in First Nations participants and children

57,705 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

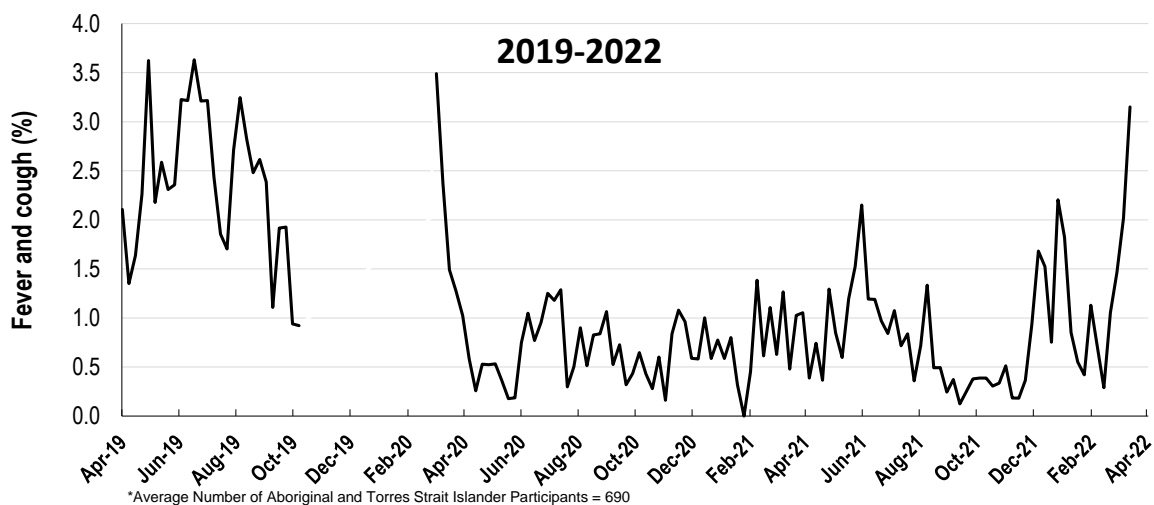
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.8% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

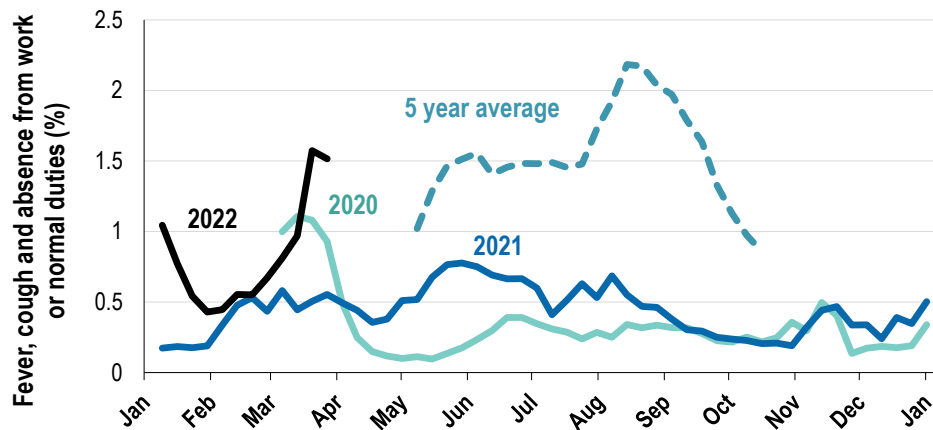
3.2% this week: respiratory illness activity is moderate



Respiratory illness severity:		
<i>37.9% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 27 March 2022 number (%)	Week ending 20 March 2022 number (%)
Number of participants	57705 (100%)	57524 (100%)
Fever & cough	788 (1.4%)	737 (1.3%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	631 (1.1%)	622 (1.1%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	631 (1.1%)	622 (1.1%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	788 (100%)	737 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	299 (37.9%)	312 (42.3%)
Admitted to hospital	5 (0.6%)	4 (0.5%)
Tested for influenza	12 (1.5%)	21 (2.8%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	3 (0.4%)	3 (0.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	300 (38.1%)	302 (41%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	179 (22.7%)	165 (22.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	687 (87.2%)	652 (88.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	402 (51%)	339 (46%)

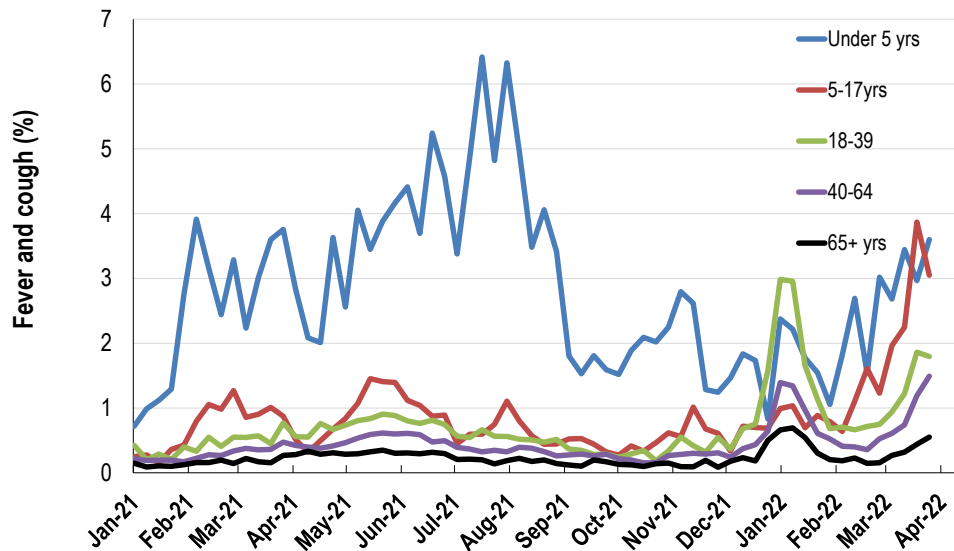
*Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever & cough

Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):

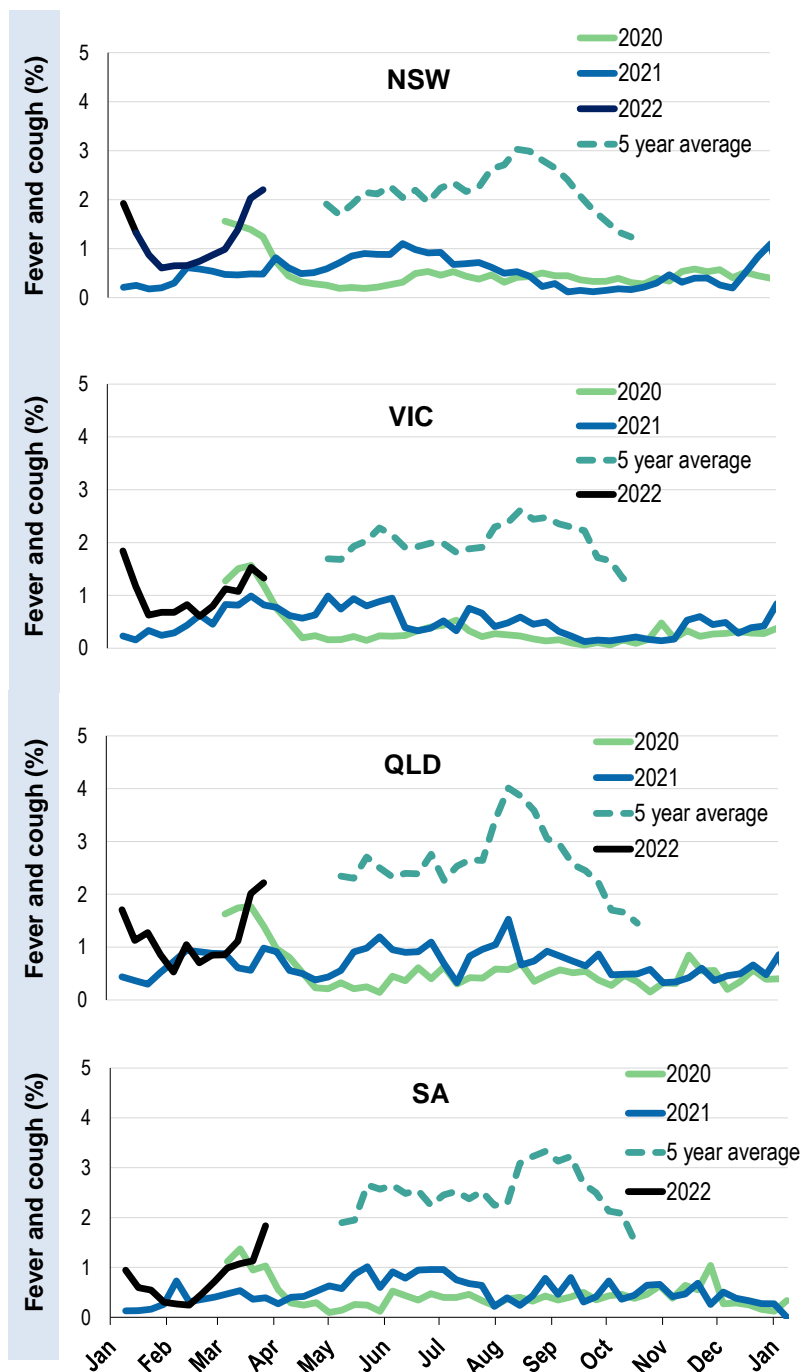


*5 year average is calculated using 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 data

Respiratory illness activity by age group in 2021 and 2022 (Australia):

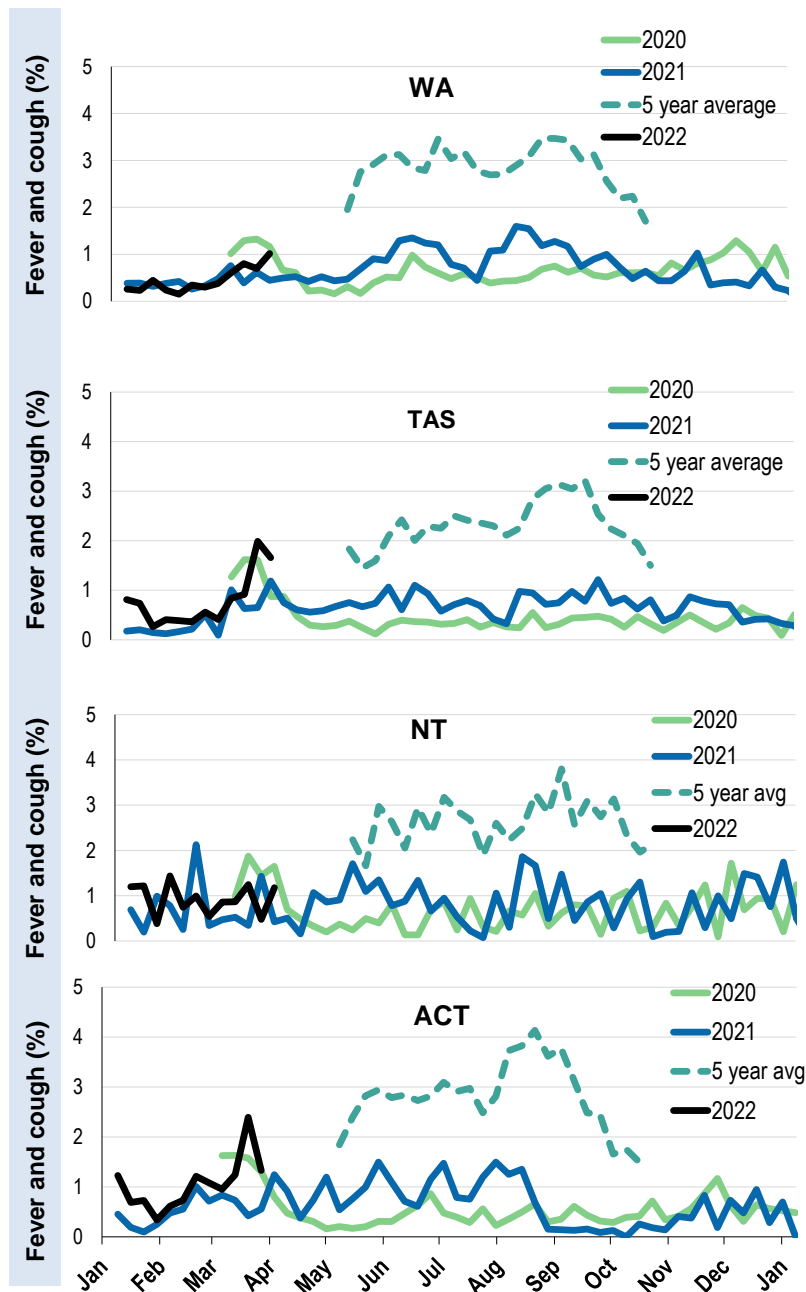


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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Participation:

57,705 participants (57,524 last week)

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	20169	35.0%	255.4
VIC	11329	19.6%	178.2
QLD	7130	12.4%	144.1
SA	5163	8.9%	299.0
WA	5942	10.3%	229.7
TAS	3740	6.5%	716.5
NT	950	1.6%	386.0
ACT	3282	5.7%	795.4
AUS	57705	100.0%	233.6

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine			Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	
<5 years				0.0
5-11 years	88.5	57.4	0.1	0.3
12-17 years	98.0	96.3	21.0	0.4
18-64 years	99.3	98.9	91.3	1.8
65+ years	99.4	99.3	96.8	1.7
Working with patients	99.5	99.3	95.6	
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.9	91.9	67.3	1.7
Vaccinated overall (%)	97.5	96.0	85.3	1.3

*Influenza vaccination data is excluded until the 2022 influenza vaccine is released in Australia