

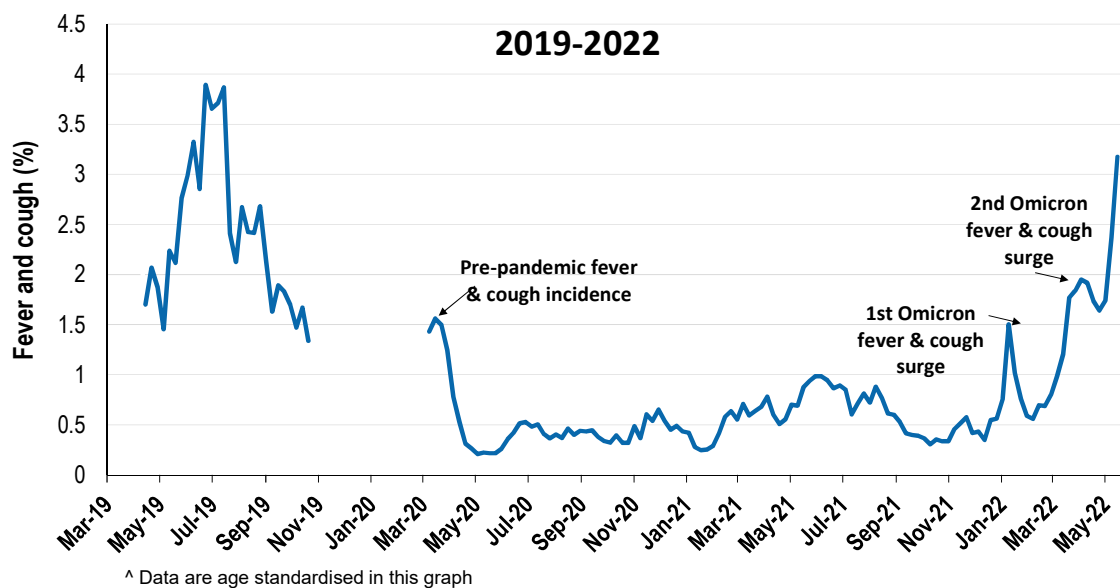
Respiratory illness levels are now moderate and sharply increasing, particularly in children aged 17 and under

62,652 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

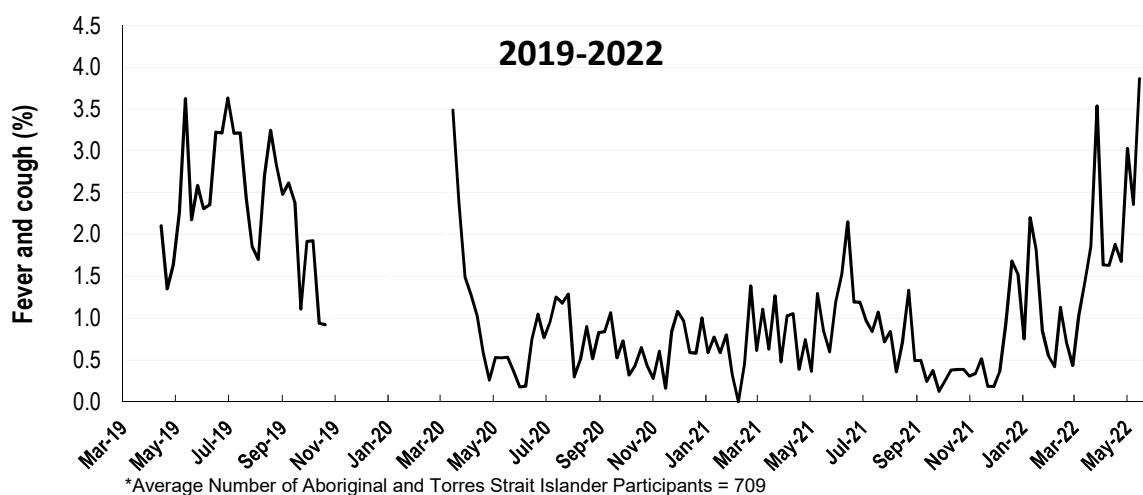
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

3.2% this week: respiratory illness activity is moderate



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

3.9% this week: respiratory illness activity is moderate

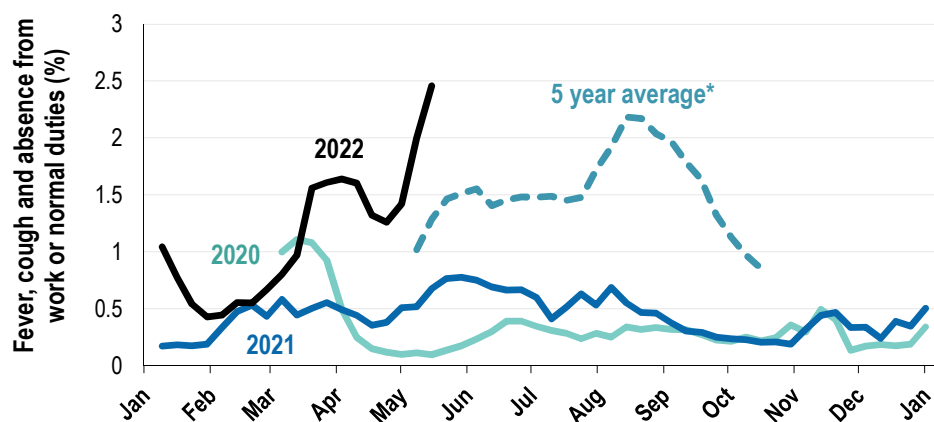


Respiratory illness severity:
33.6% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week

Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 15 May 2022 number (%)	Week ending 08 May 2022 number (%)
Number of participants	62652 (100%)	61064 (100%)
Fever & cough	1428 (2.3%)	972 (1.6%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	1086 (1.7%)	798 (1.3%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	754 (1.2%)	602 (1%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	1428 (100%)	972 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	480 (33.6%)	367 (37.8%)
Admitted to hospital	8 (0.6%)	7 (0.7%)
Tested for influenza	46 (3.2%)	36 (3.7%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	22 (1.5%)	16 (1.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	443 (31%)	332 (34.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	213 (14.9%)	170 (17.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	1221 (85.5%)	854 (87.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	535 (37.5%)	414 (42.6%)

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

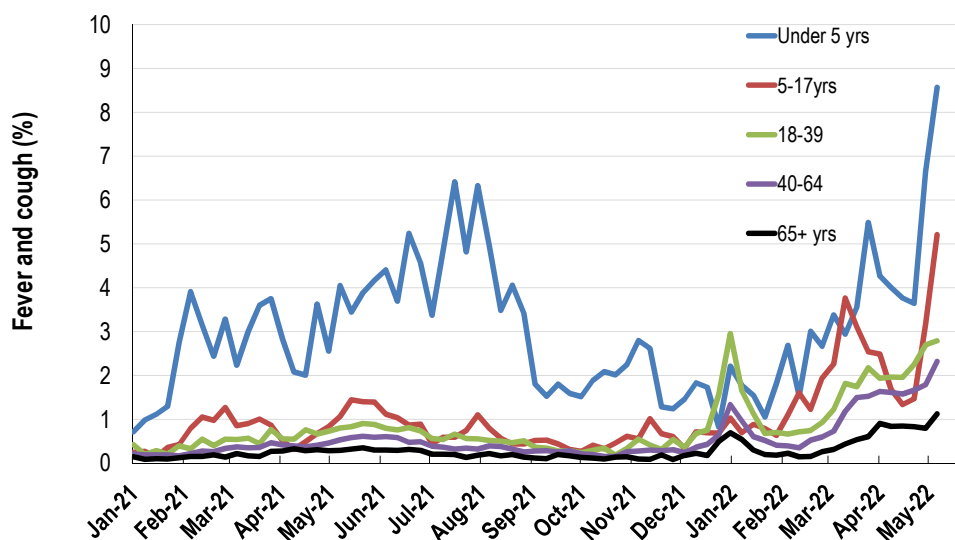
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



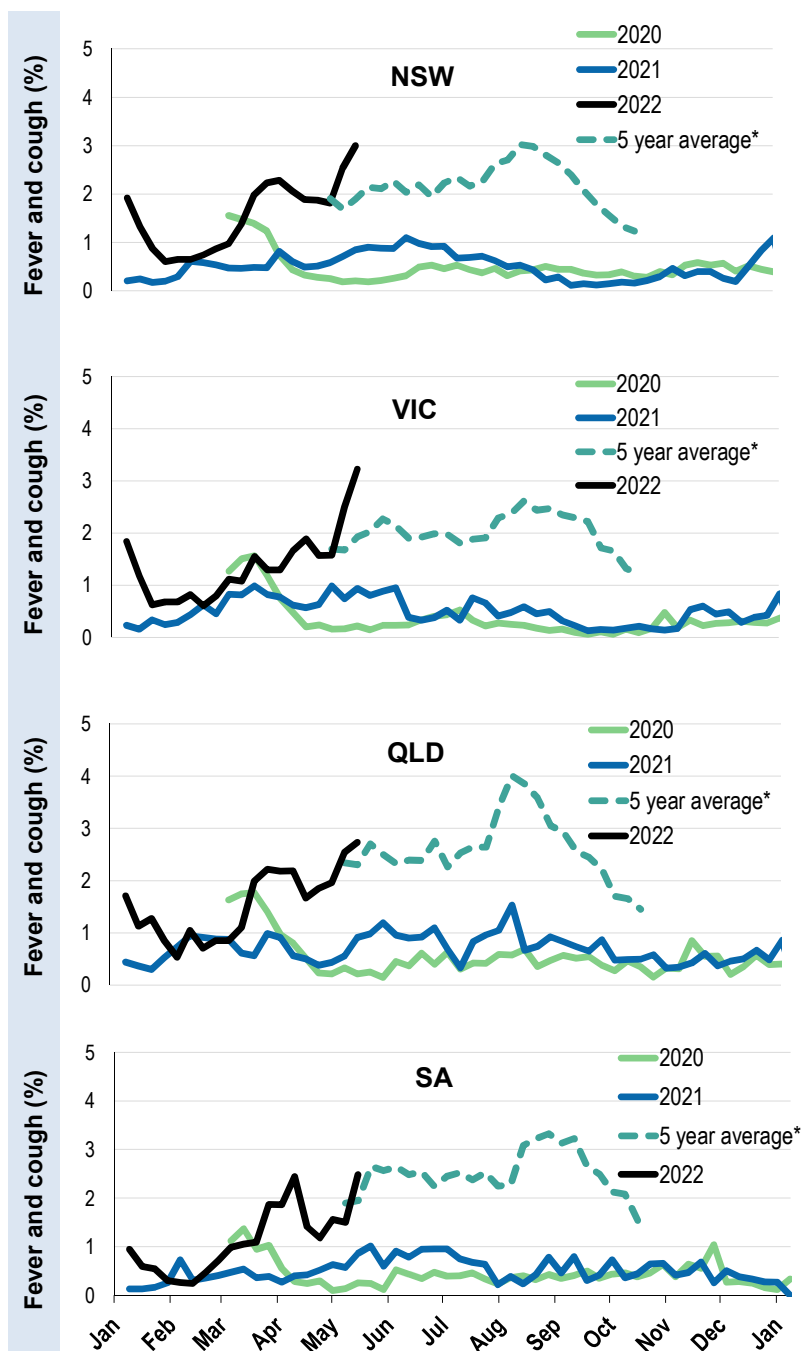
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

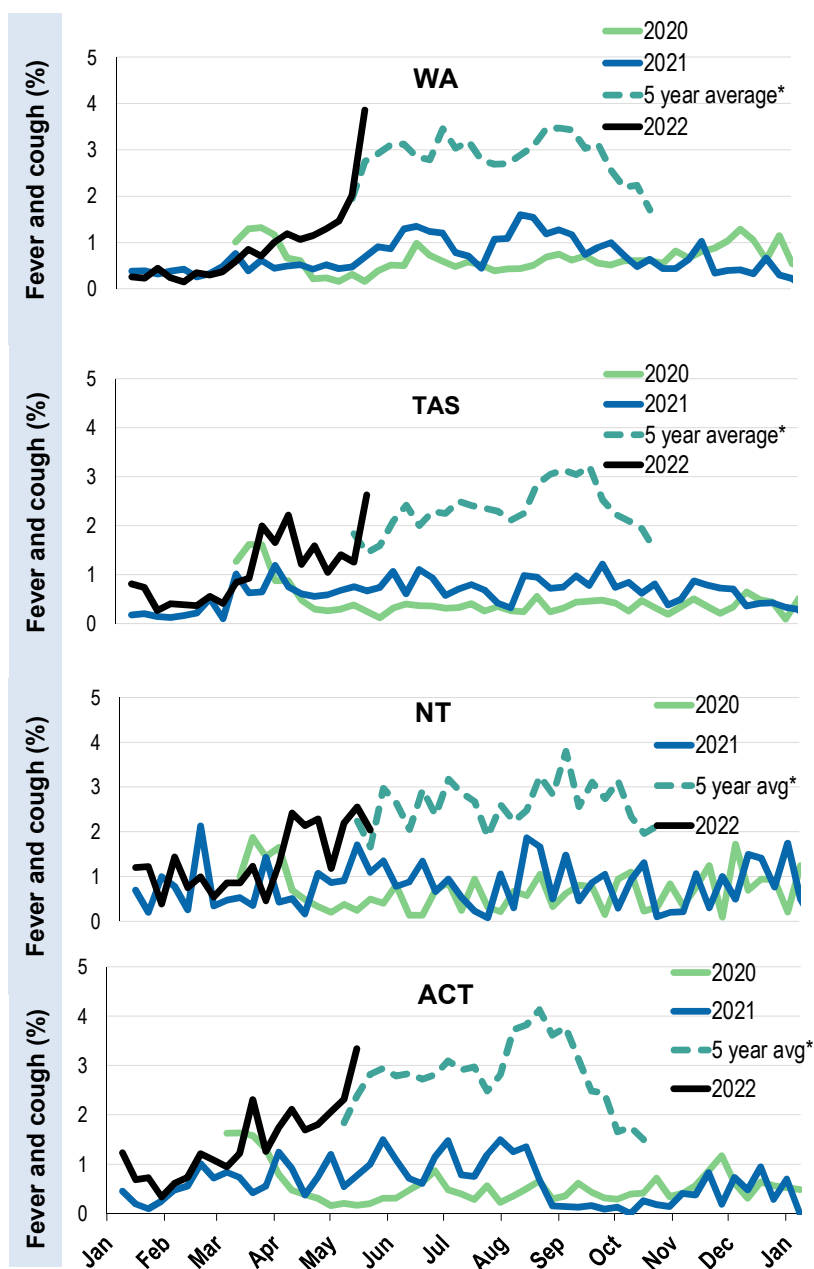


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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Participation:
62,652 participants (61,064 last week)

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	22194	35.4%	271.1
VIC	12008	19.2%	180.8
QLD	7652	12.2%	146.0
SA	5586	8.9%	315.1
WA	6440	10.3%	239.8
TAS	4024	6.4%	744.1
NT	1013	1.6%	412.0
ACT	3735	6.0%	867.6
AUS	62652	100.0%	243.3

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine			Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	
<5 years				30.9
5-11 years	88.6	75.6	0.8	21.8
12-17 years	97.6	94.0	21.8	21.3
18-64 years	99.2	96.3	88.3	48.9
65+ years	99.4	95.5	91.6	71.1
Working with patients	99.5	96.8	92.3	61.0
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	91.5	86.3	65.2	40.6
Vaccinated overall (%)	97.4	93.8	81.9	54.3

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

