

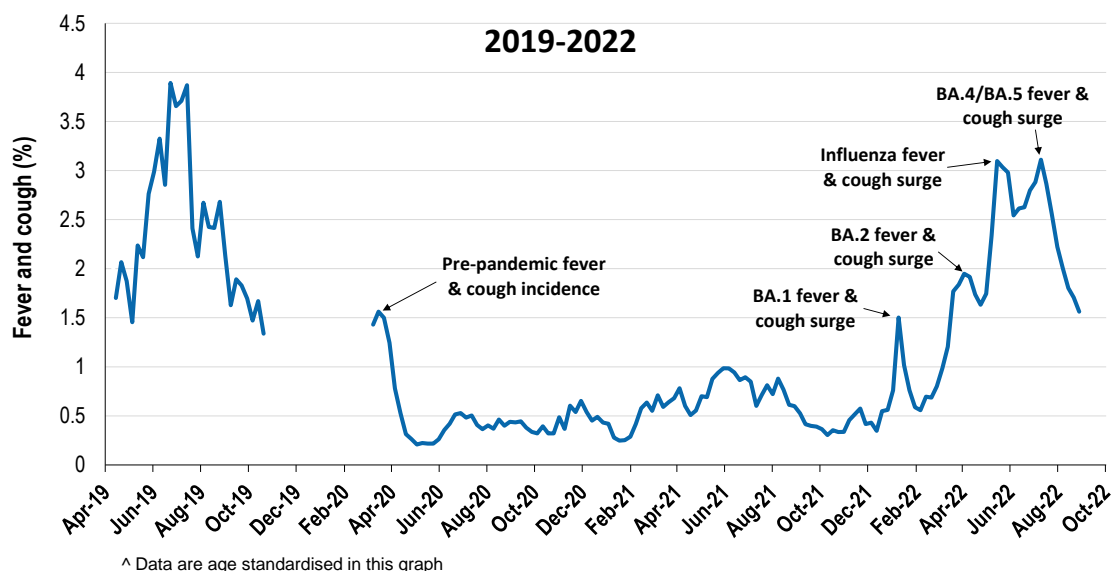
Respiratory illness levels are low and decreasing

61,130 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

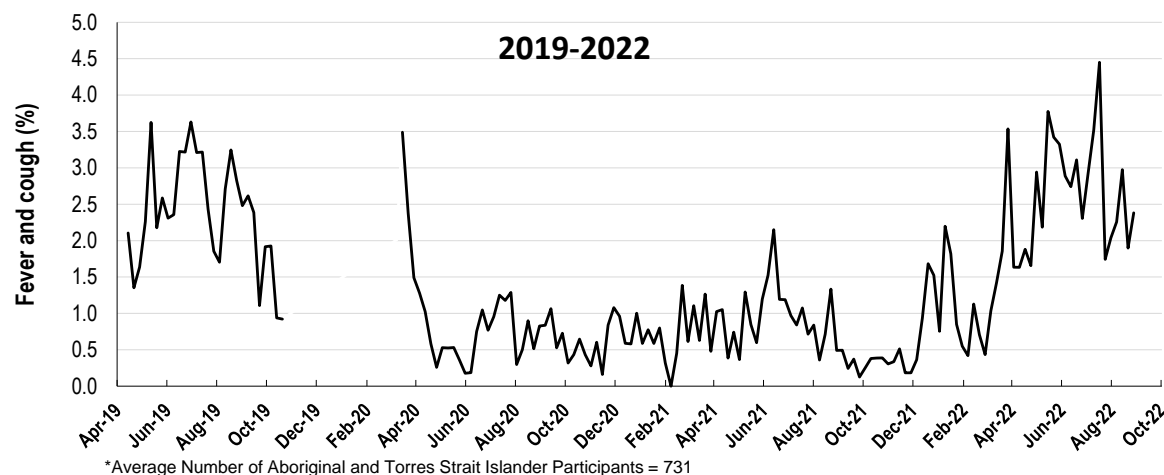
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.6% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

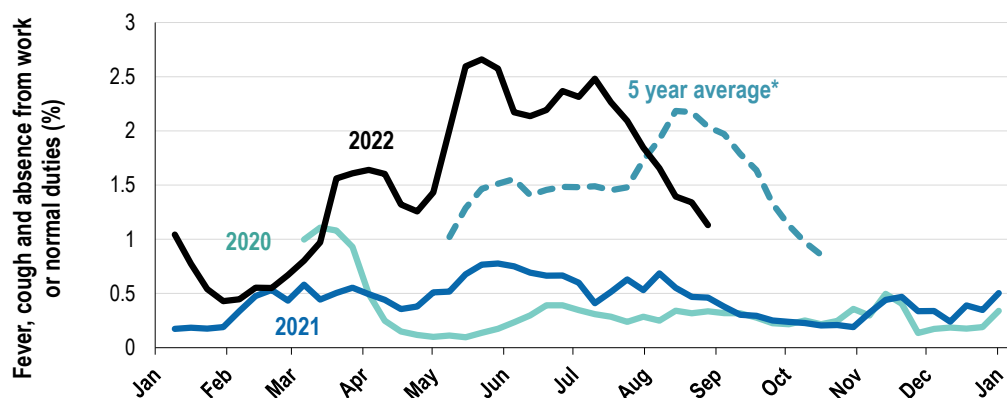
2.4% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness severity:		
<i>41.1% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 28 August 2022 number (%)	Week ending 21 August 2022 number (%)
Number of participants	61130 (100%)	62426 (100%)
Fever & cough	698 (1.1%)	725 (1.2%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	491 (0.8%)	525 (0.8%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	325 (0.5%)	320 (0.5%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	698 (100%)	725 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	287 (41.1%)	293 (40.4%)
Admitted to hospital	7 (1%)	7 (1%)
Tested for influenza	139 (19.9%)	147 (20.3%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	6 (0.9%)	8 (1.1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	213 (30.5%)	215 (29.7%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	63 (9%)	69 (9.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	541 (77.5%)	594 (81.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	132 (18.9%)	184 (25.4%)

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

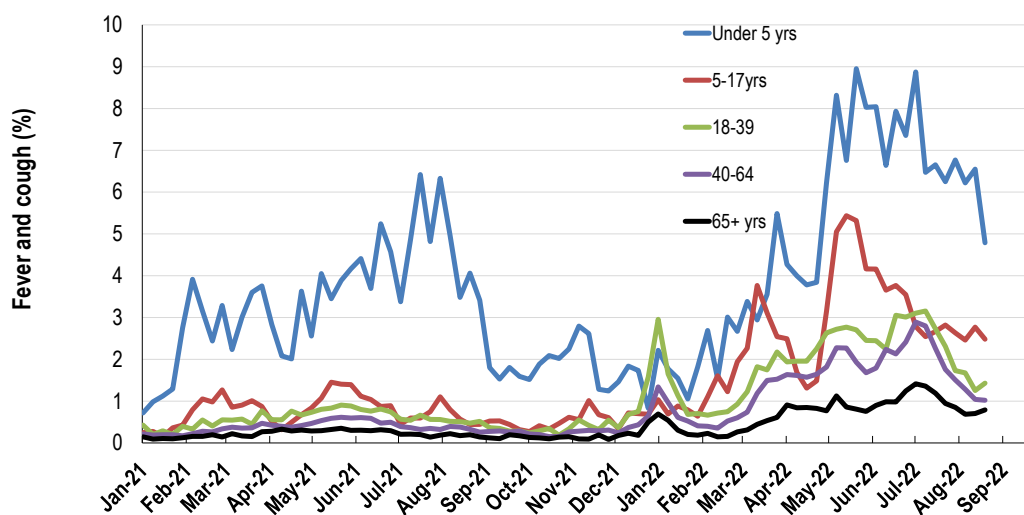
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



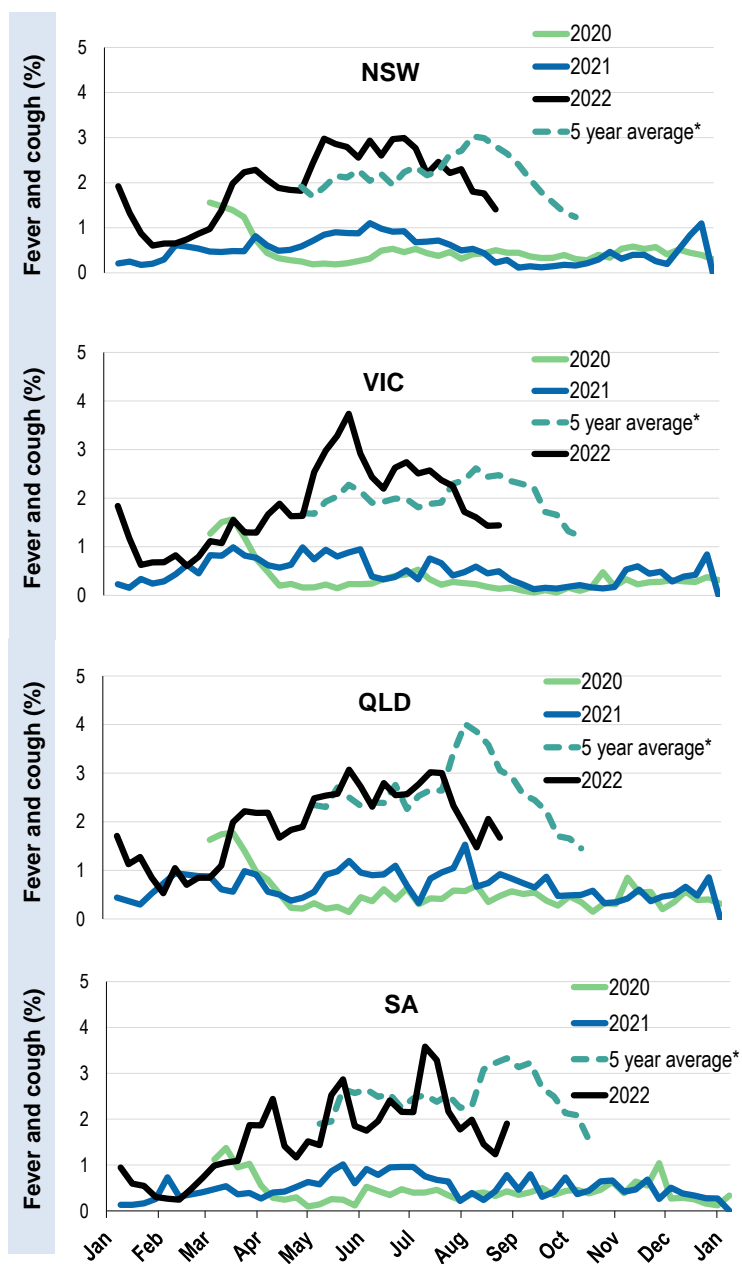
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

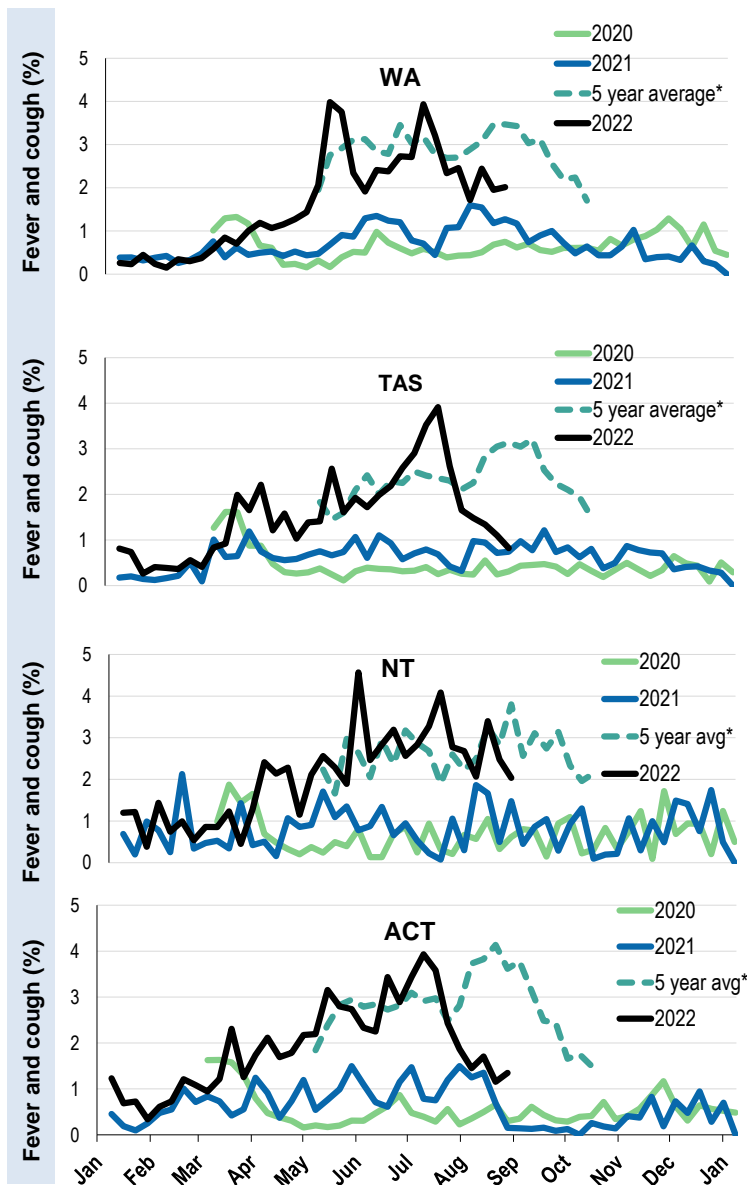


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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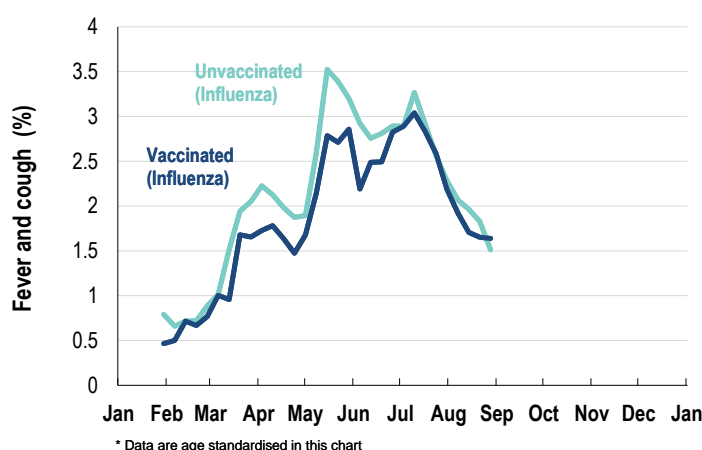
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Participation:
participants (last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	21654	35.4% 264.5
VIC	12010	19.6% 180.8
QLD	7553	12.4% 144.1
SA	5395	8.8% 304.3
WA	6072	9.9% 226.1
TAS	3918	6.4% 724.5
NT	948	1.6% 385.5
ACT	3580	5.9% 831.6
AUS	61130	100.0% 237.4

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine				Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)	
<5 years					48.4
5-11 years	88.0	81.7	1.3	0.0	41.6
12-17 years	97.9	96.7	24.7	0.8	33.5
18-64 years	99.3	99.1	94.4	44.4	67.4
65+ years	99.5	99.3	98.1	88.8	82.7
Working with patients	99.6	99.4	97.5	54.1	79.8
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	93.0	91.4	72.9	37.3	60.6
Vaccinated overall (%)	97.7	97.3	88.4	57.1	70.6

Respiratory illness activity by self-reported influenza vaccination status, 2022 (Australia):

Respiratory illness activity by self-reported COVID-19 vaccination status, 2022 (Australia):
