

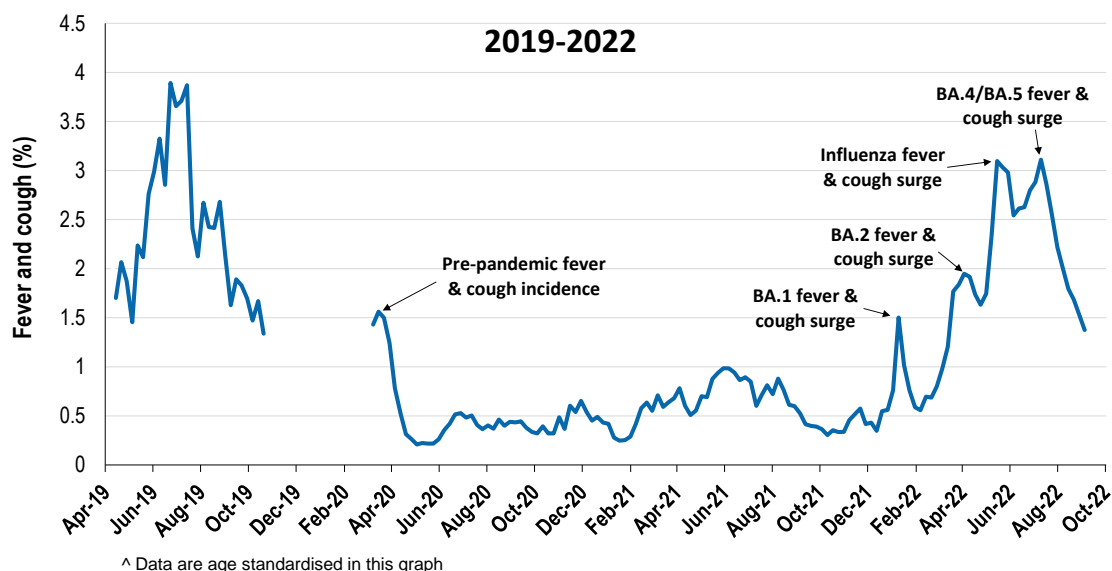
## Respiratory illness levels are low and decreasing

**60,015 participants this week**

### Respiratory illness activity\*:

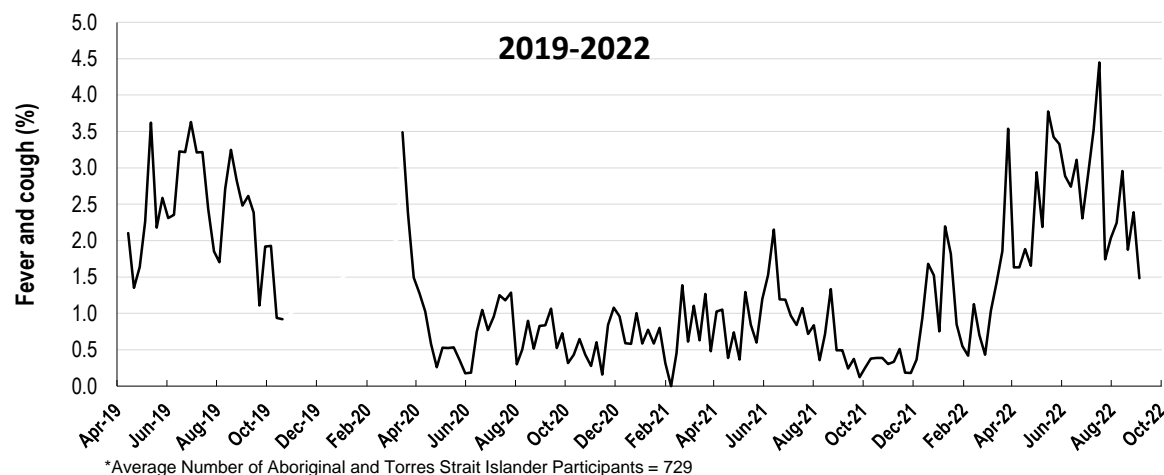
\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

**1.4% this week: respiratory illness activity is low**



### Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

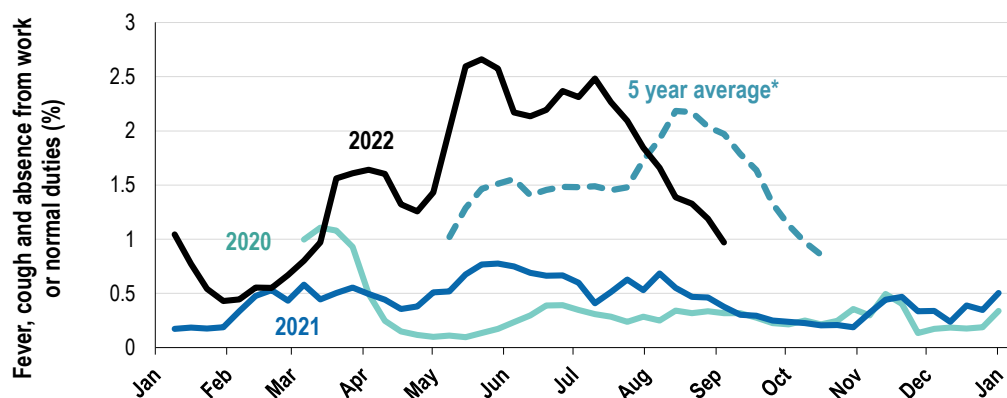
**1.5% this week: respiratory illness activity is low**



Respiratory illness severity:		
39.6% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 04 September 2022 number (%)	Week ending 28 August 2022 number (%)
<b>Number of participants</b>	60015 (100%)	61130 (100%)
Fever & cough	594 (1%)	698 (1.1%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	409 (0.7%)	519 (0.8%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	260 (0.4%)	325 (0.5%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	594 (100%)	698 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	235 (39.6%)	326 (46.7%)
Admitted to hospital	3 (0.5%)	9 (1.3%)
Tested for influenza	98 (16.5%)	154 (22.1%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	6 (1%)	6 (0.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	158 (26.6%)	237 (34%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	37 (6.2%)	67 (9.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	457 (76.9%)	553 (79.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	115 (19.4%)	141 (20.2%)

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

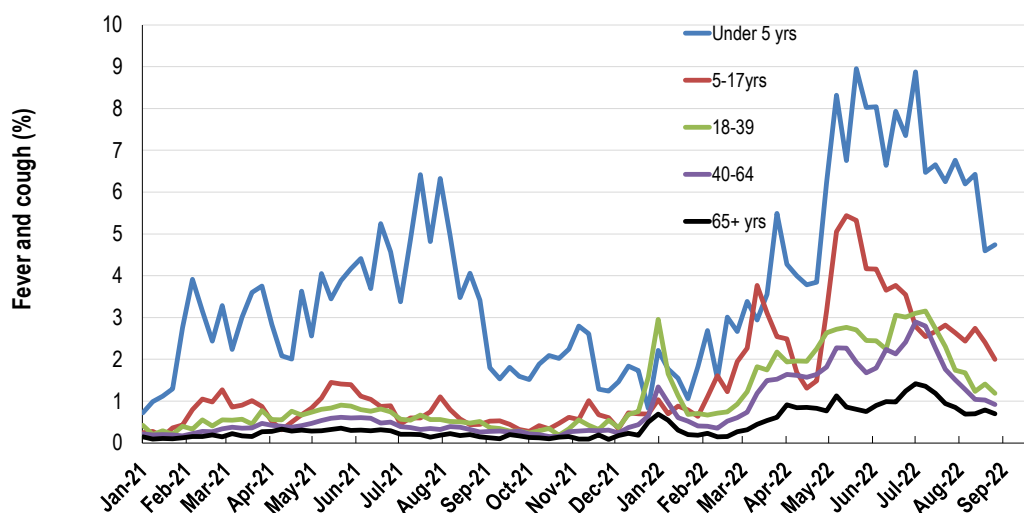
**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**



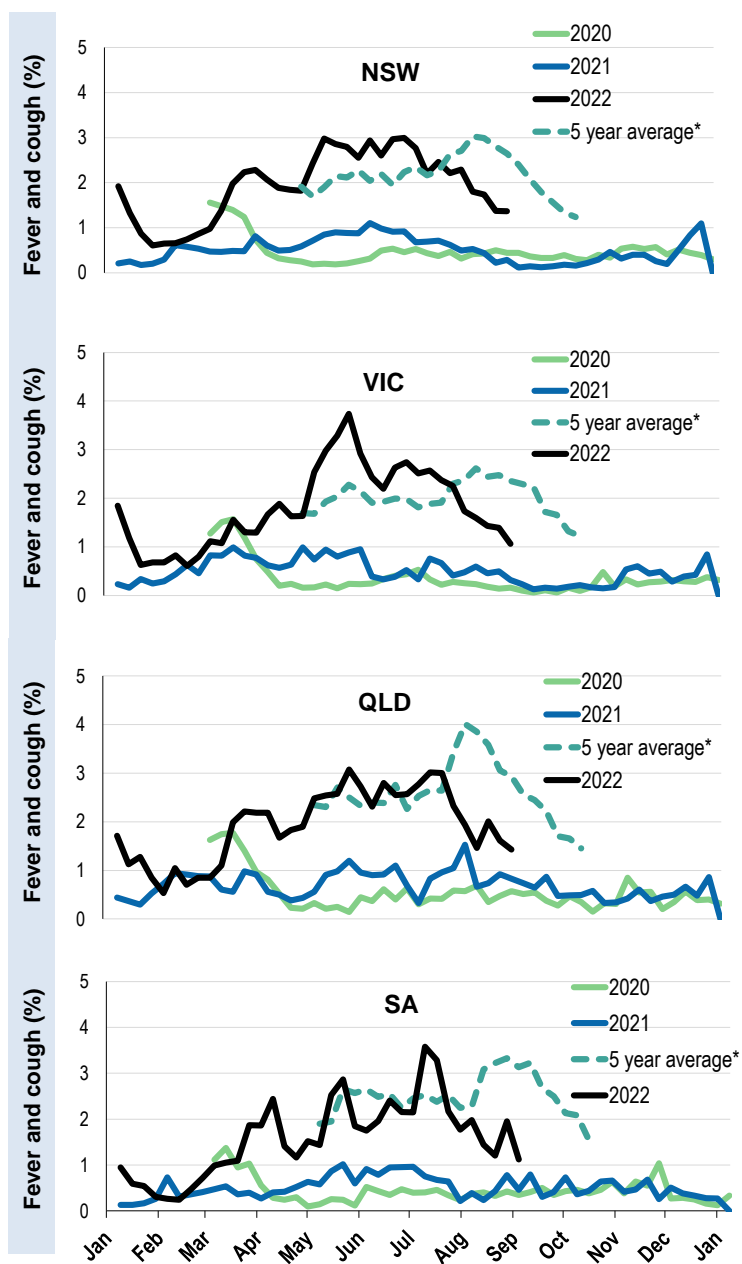
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

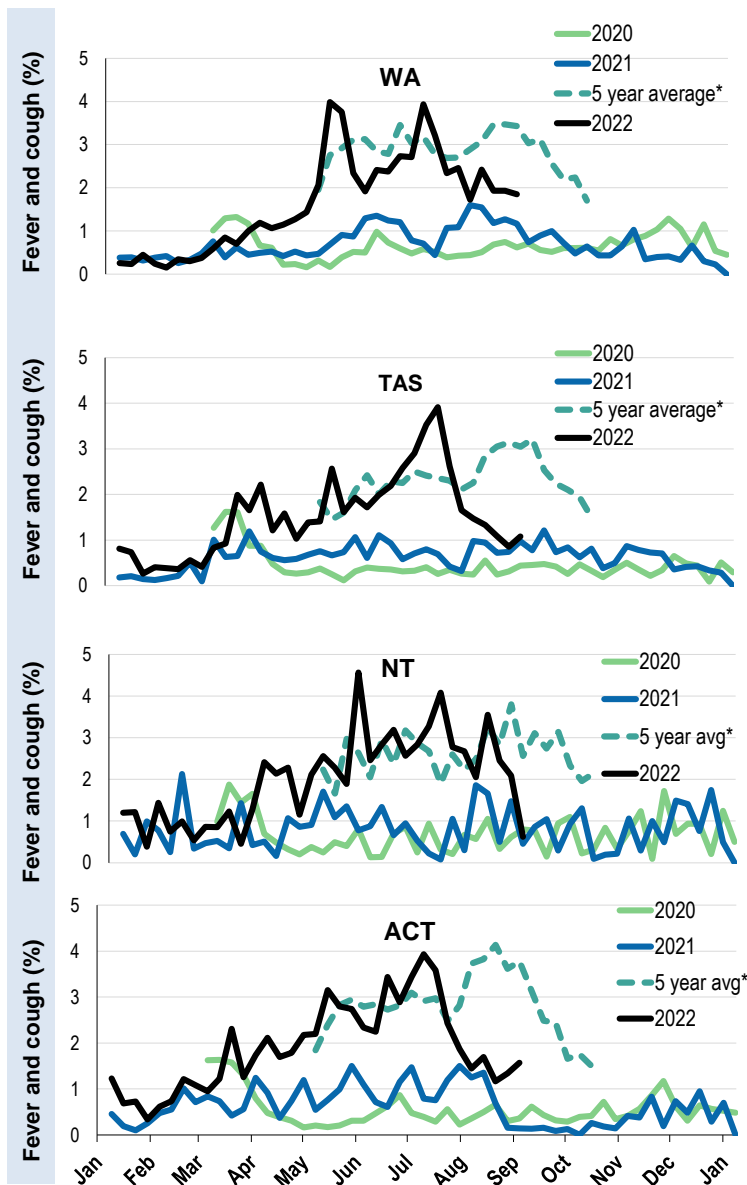


**Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):**



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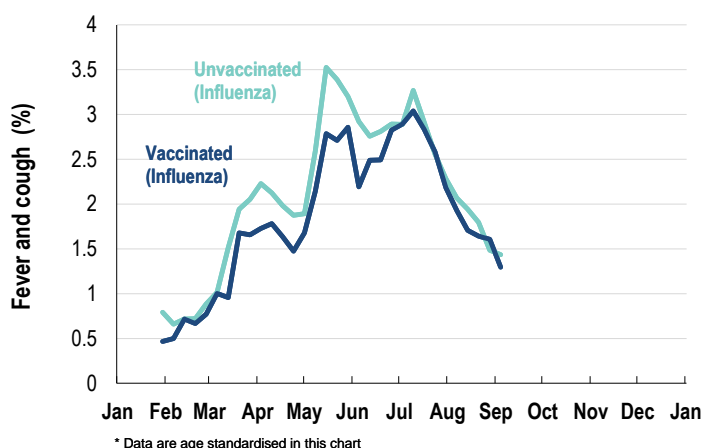
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**Participation:**
*participants (last week)*

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	21156	35.3%	<b>258.4</b>
VIC	11824	19.7%	<b>178.0</b>
QLD	7409	12.3%	<b>141.4</b>
SA	5322	8.9%	<b>300.2</b>
WA	6072	10.1%	<b>226.1</b>
TAS	3833	6.4%	<b>708.8</b>
NT	921	1.5%	<b>374.5</b>
ACT	3478	5.8%	<b>807.9</b>
AUS	60015	100.0%	<b>233.1</b>

**Vaccination rates:**

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine				Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)	
<5 years					48.6
5-11 years	87.5	81.3	1.2	0.0	42.5
12-17 years	98.0	97.0	24.1	0.7	33.6
18-64 years	99.3	99.1	94.5	45.4	67.4
65+ years	99.5	99.4	98.1	89.4	82.7
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.5	54.6	79.2
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.1	92.6	73.6	38.7	61.0
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>70.8</b>

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

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