

Respiratory illness levels are low, but are increasing in age groups 5 years and over

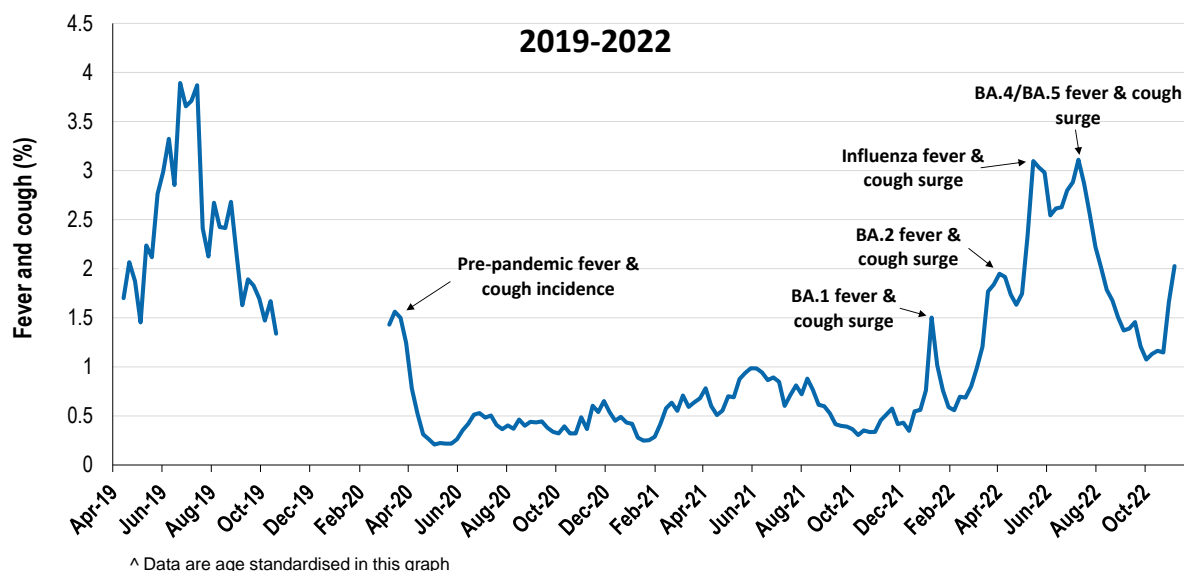
31,106 participants this week

Please note over the summer period there will be a reduced sample size for FluTracking, as participants have been given the option to opt-out until April 2023.

Respiratory illness activity*:

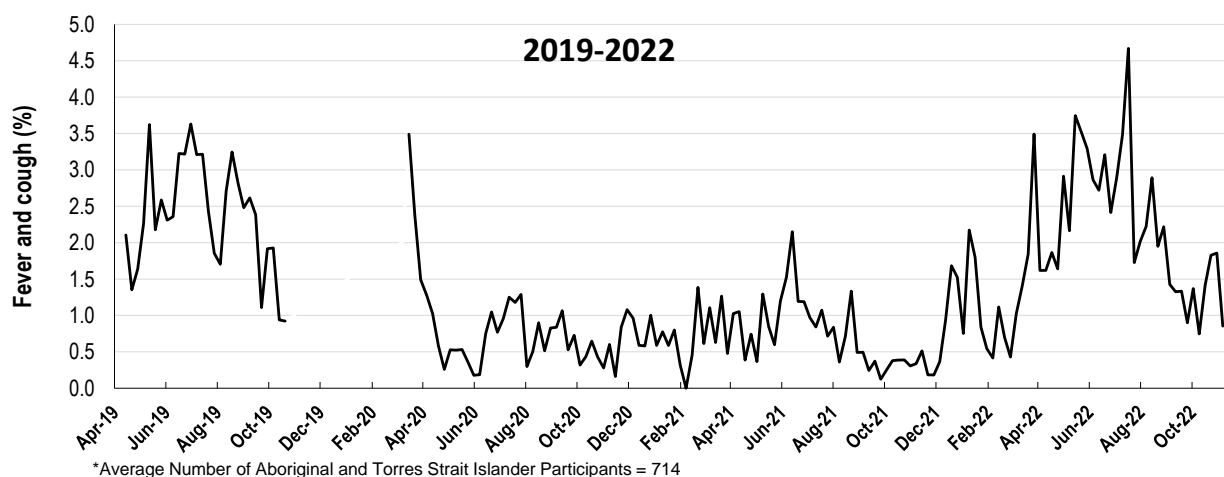
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

2% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

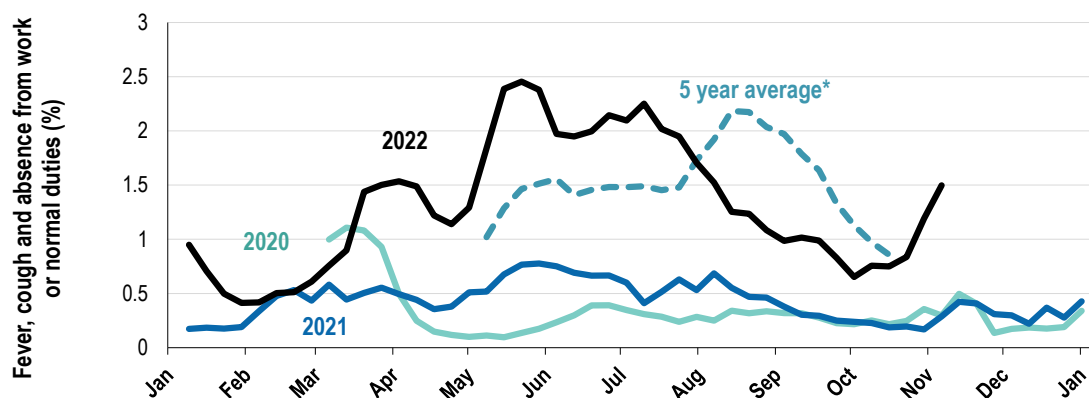
0.9% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness severity: 30.9% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 06 November 2022	Week ending 30 October 2022
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	31106 (100%)	37007 (100%)
Fever & cough	460 (1.5%)	402 (1.1%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	312 (1%)	275 (0.7%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	188 (0.6%)	161 (0.4%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	460 (100%)	402 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	142 (30.9%)	152 (37.8%)
Admitted to hospital	2 (0.4%)	2 (0.5%)
Tested for influenza	27 (5.9%)	34 (8.5%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	76 (16.5%)	73 (18.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	35 (7.6%)	22 (5.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	375 (81.5%)	341 (84.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	170 (37%)	126 (31.3%)

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

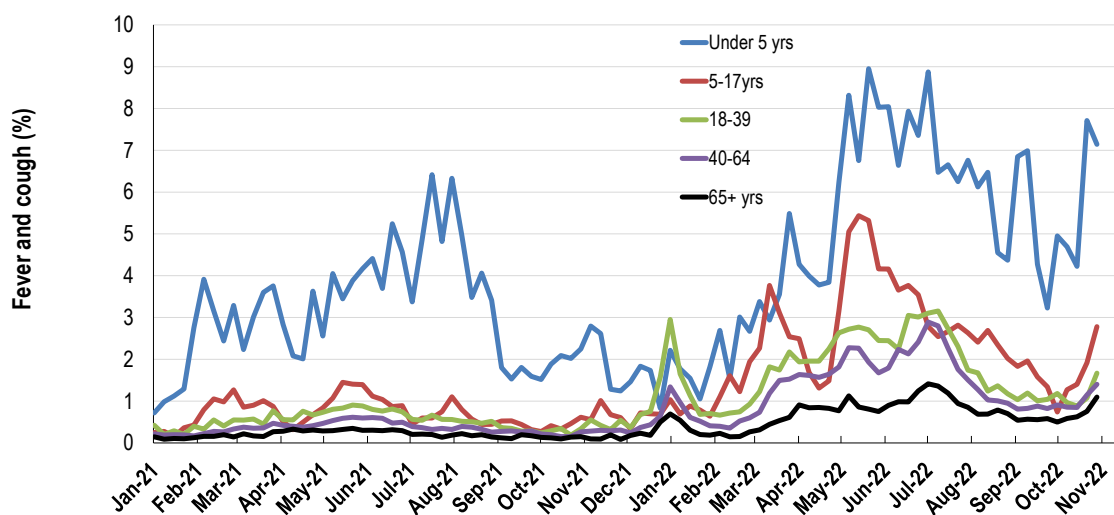
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



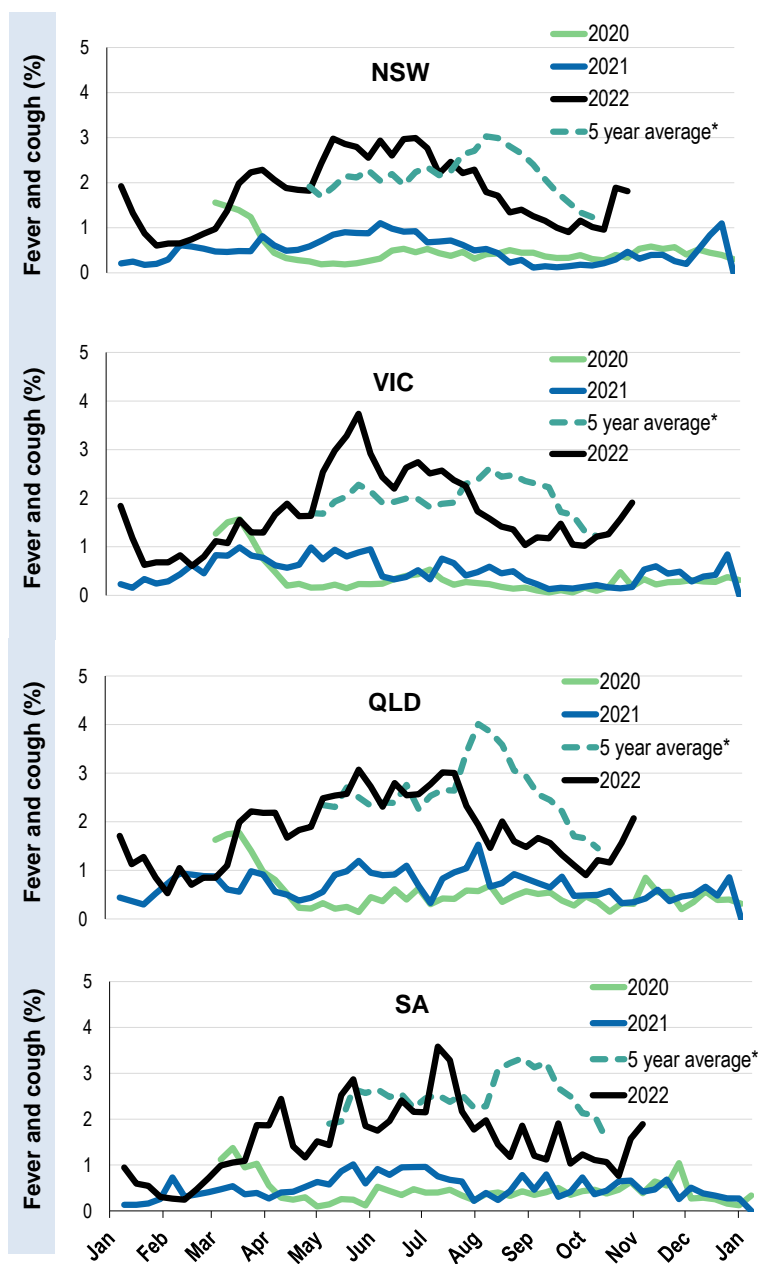
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

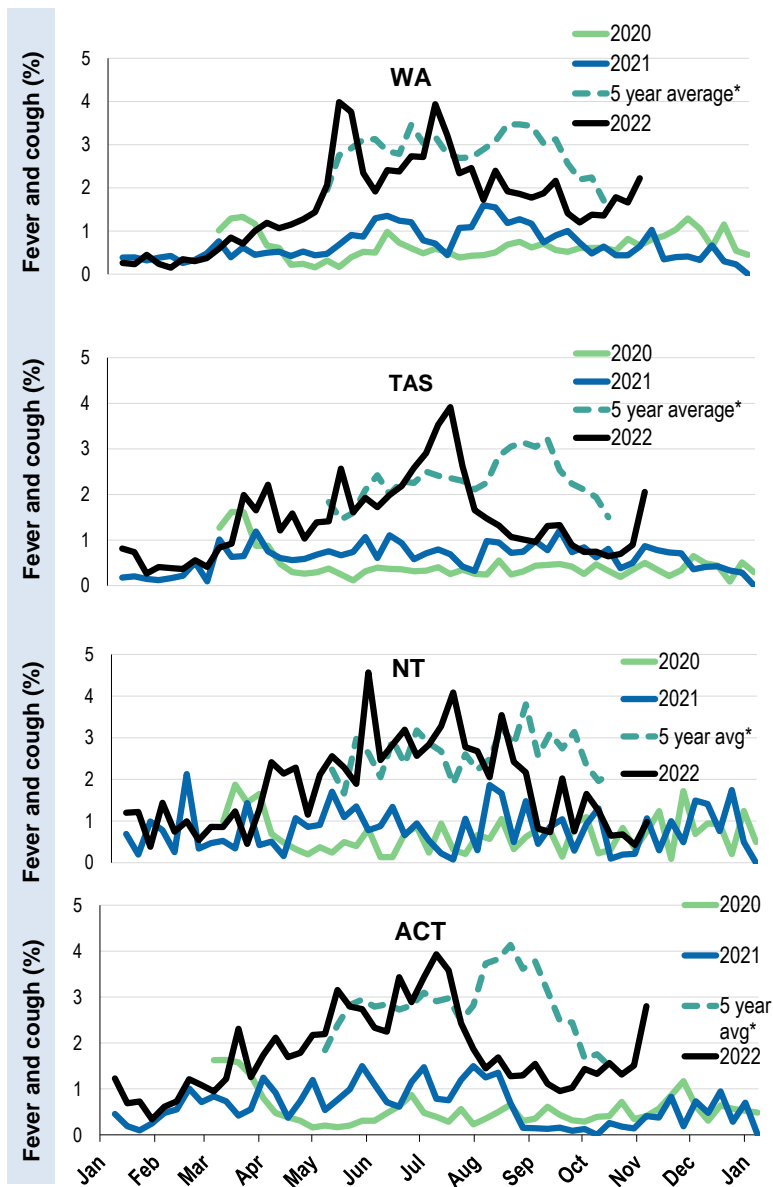


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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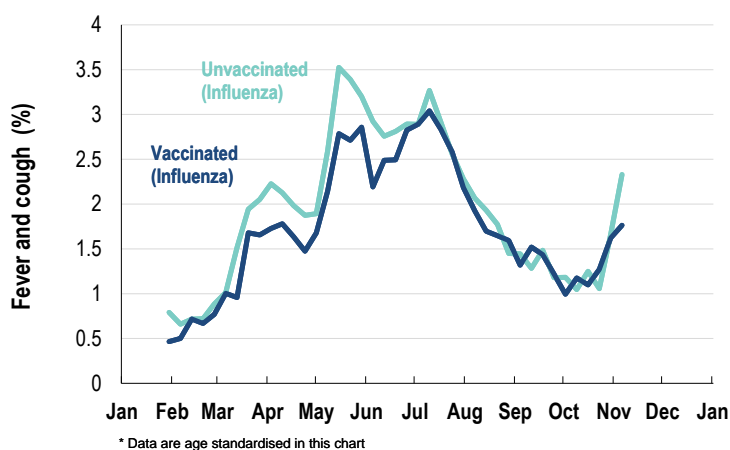
Participation:

Week participants (Week last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	11070	35.6% 135.2
VIC	5839	18.8% 87.9
QLD	3670	11.8% 70.0
SA	2897	9.3% 163.4
WA	3164	10.2% 117.8
TAS	2131	6.9% 394.0
NT	616	2.0% 250.5
ACT	1719	5.5% 399.3
AUS	31106	100.0% 120.8

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine				Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)	
<5 years					44.2
5-11 years	85.4	80.3	1.2	0.0	41.2
12-17 years	97.6	96.5	21.7	0.8	33.6
18-64 years	99.2	99.1	94.2	51.1	68.1
65+ years	99.4	99.3	98.0	90.9	84.5
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.5	59.9	80.9
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.7	94.3	75.8	41.6	63.8
Vaccinated overall (%)	97.8	97.5	88.9	61.0	71.4

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

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