

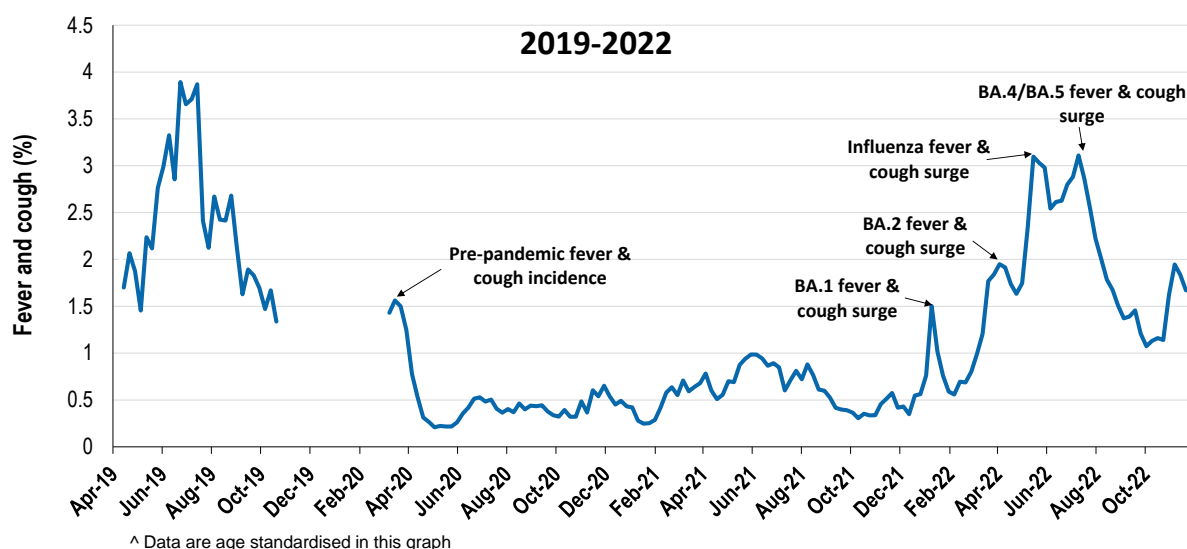
Respiratory illness levels appear to have peaked and have been trending downwards for the last two weeks

26,259 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

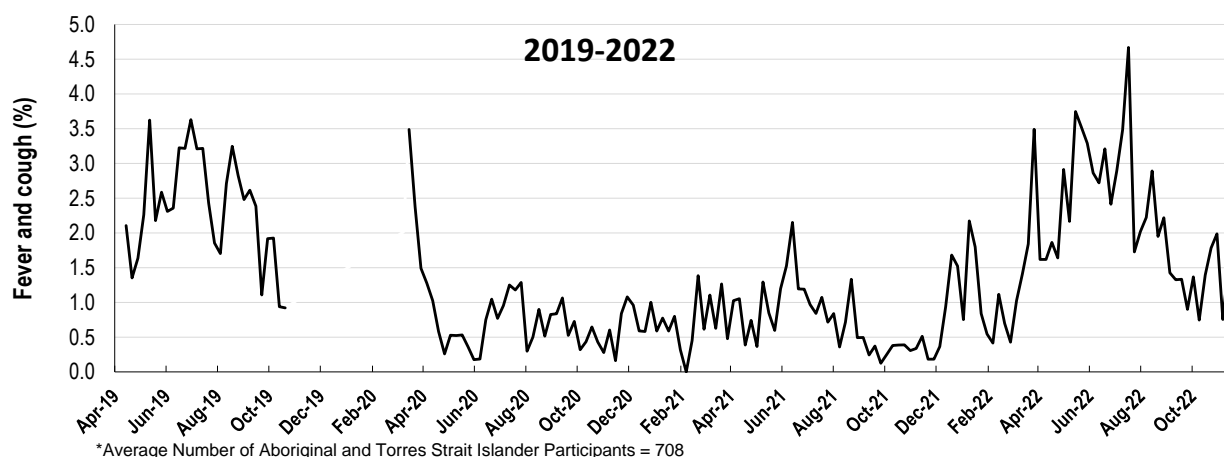
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.7% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

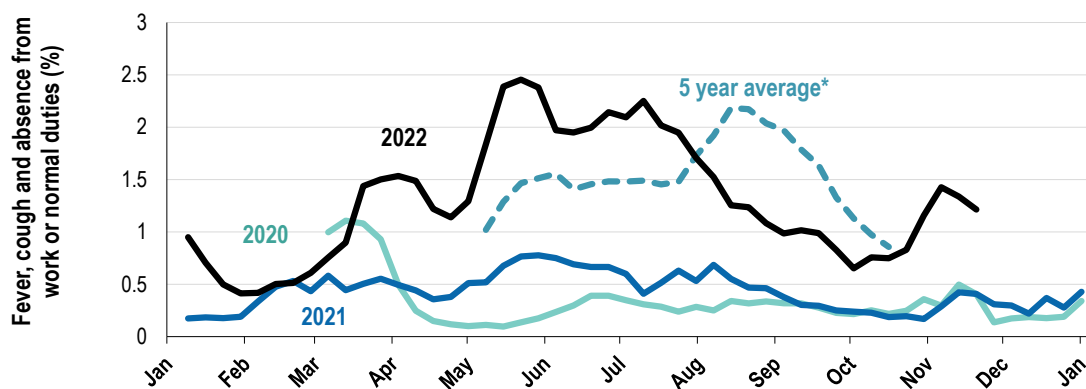
2.3% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness severity: <i>37.7% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 20 November 2022 number (%)	Week ending 13 November 2022 number (%)
Number of participants	26259 (100%)	28235 (100%)
Fever & cough	393 (1.5%)	401 (1.4%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	275 (1%)	273 (1%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	184 (0.7%)	188 (0.7%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	393 (100%)	401 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	148 (37.7%)	166 (41.4%)
Admitted to hospital	3 (0.8%)	5 (1.2%)
Tested for influenza	30 (7.6%)	30 (7.5%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	4 (1%)	2 (0.5%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	80 (20.4%)	94 (23.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	36 (9.2%)	48 (12%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	329 (83.7%)	332 (82.8%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	175 (44.5%)	171 (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

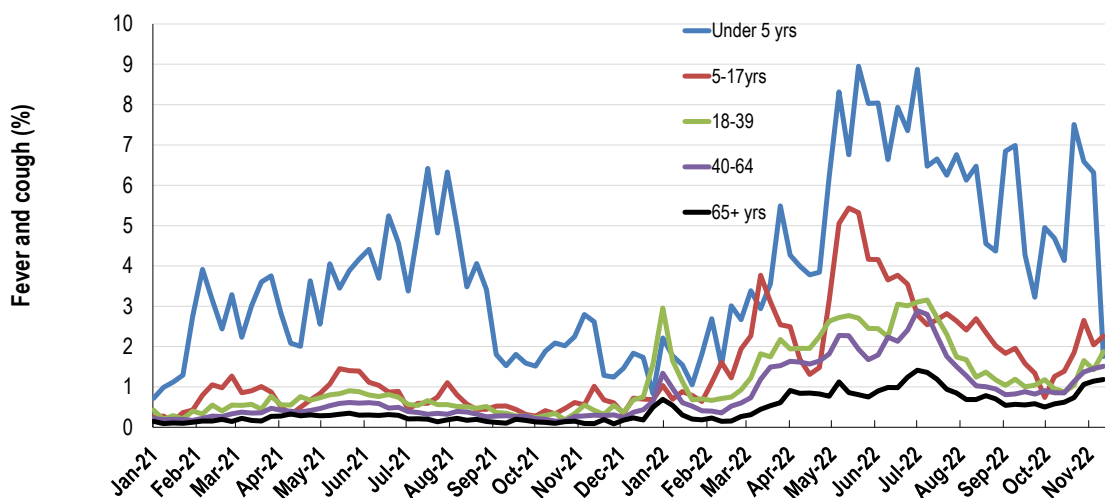
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



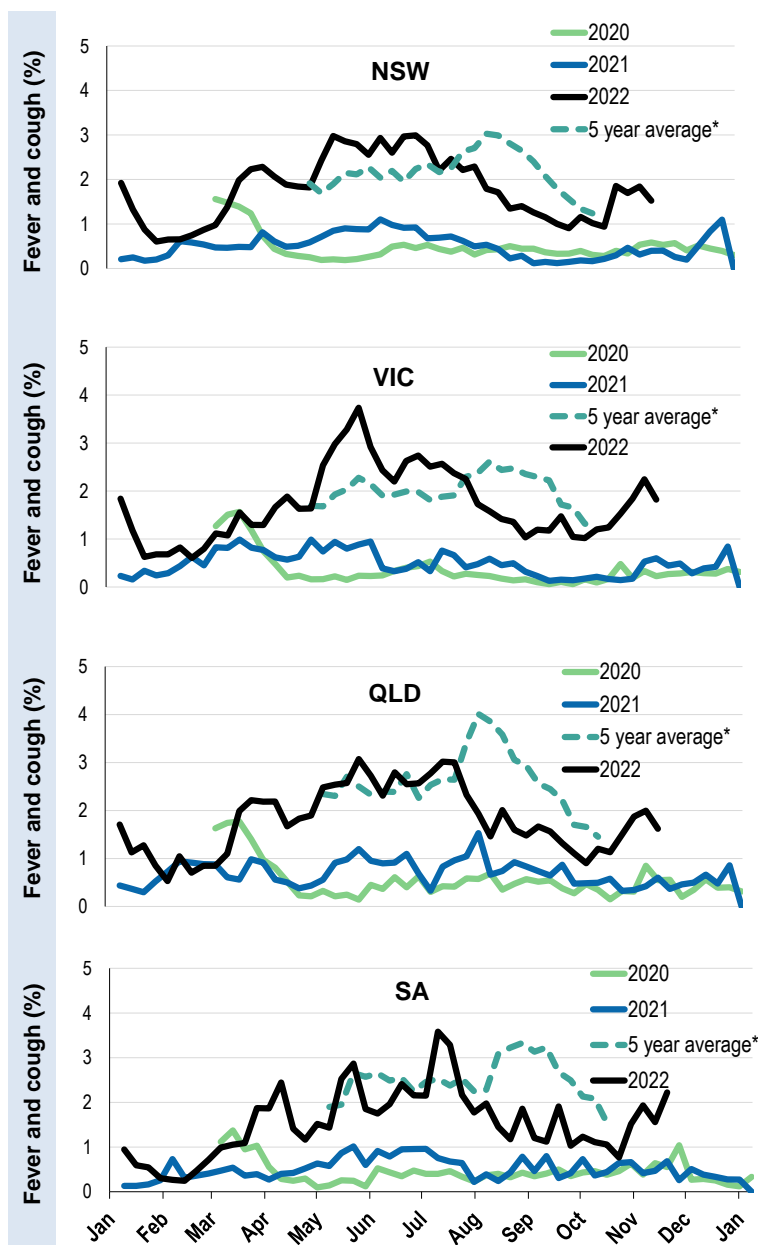
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^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

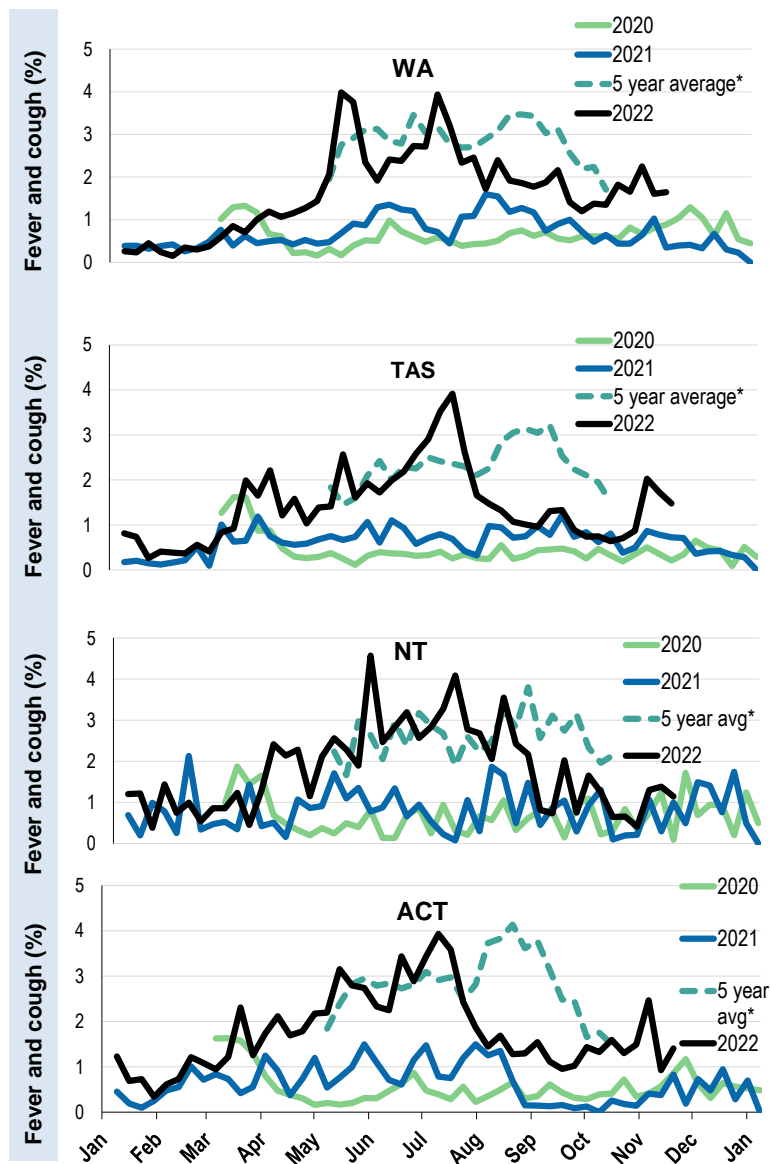


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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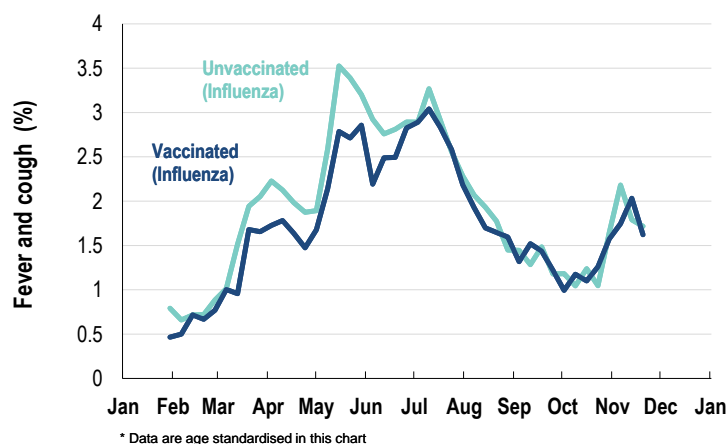
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Participation:
Week participants (Week last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9433	35.9% 115.2
VIC	4875	18.6% 73.4
QLD	3113	11.9% 59.4
SA	2435	9.3% 137.4
WA	2618	10.0% 97.5
TAS	1856	7.1% 343.2
NT	541	2.1% 220.0
ACT	1388	5.3% 322.4
AUS	26259	100.0% 102.0

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine				Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)	
<5 years	0.0	0.0			48.7
5-11 years	86.1	81.1	1.7	0.0	43.7
12-17 years	97.1	96.4	22.6	0.9	32.4
18-64 years	99.2	99.0	94.2	53.6	68.7
65+ years	99.3	99.2	97.9	90.8	85.0
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	97.3	61.5	80.8
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	94.8	93.5	78.2	41.9	64.3
Vaccinated overall (%)	97.9	97.6	89.1	62.4	72.0

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

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