

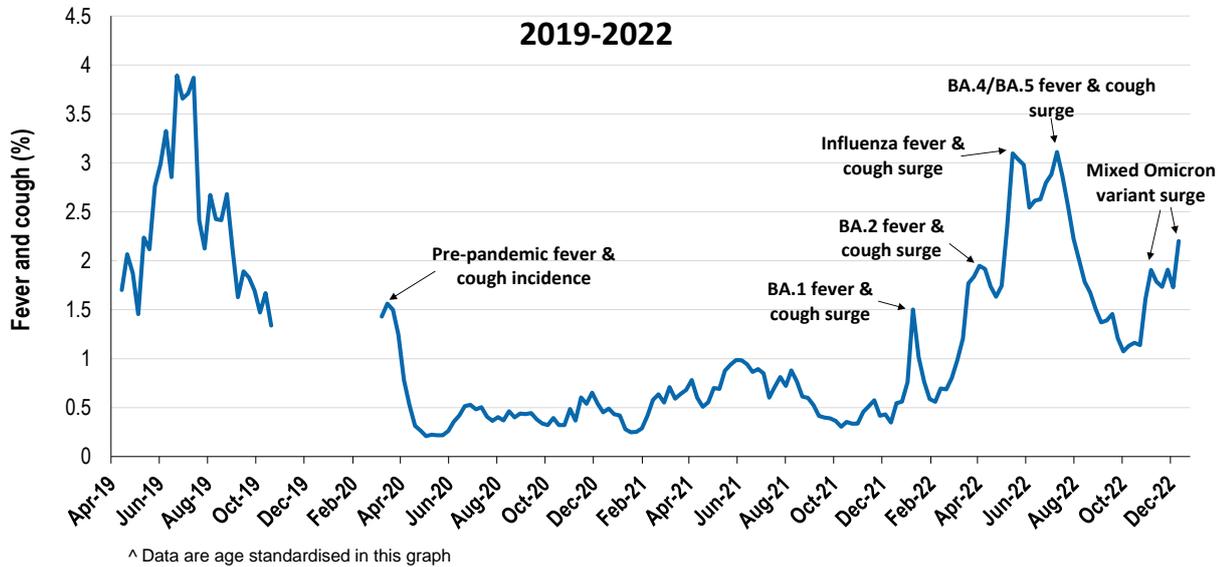
Respiratory illness levels have increased across all age groups

26,274 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

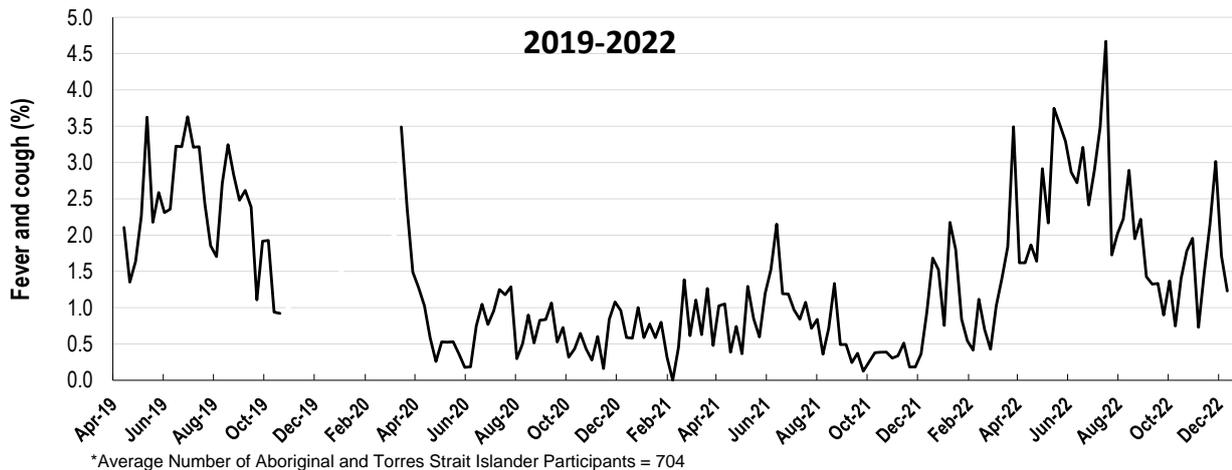
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

2.2% this week and 1.7% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

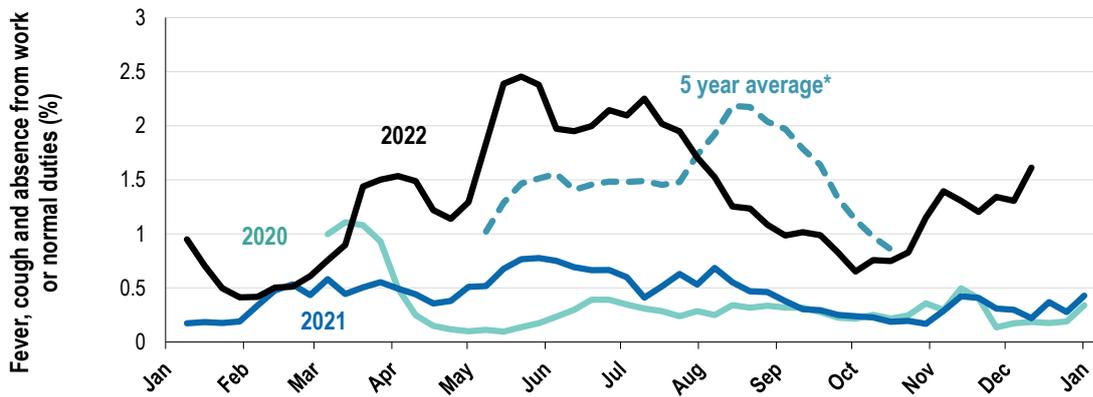
1.2% this week: respiratory illness activity is low



Respiratory illness severity:		
<i>35.1% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 11 December 2022	Week ending 04 December 2022
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	26274 (100%)	26122 (100%)
Fever & cough	473 (1.8%)	397 (1.5%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	337 (1.3%)	286 (1.1%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	224 (0.9%)	194 (0.7%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	473 (100%)	397 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	166 (35.1%)	168 (42.3%)
Admitted to hospital	1 (0.2%)	5 (1.3%)
Tested for influenza	30 (6.3%)	39 (9.8%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	6 (1.3%)	4 (1%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	84 (17.8%)	97 (24.4%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	50 (10.6%)	54 (13.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	421 (89%)	356 (89.7%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	270 (57.1%)	226 (56.9%)

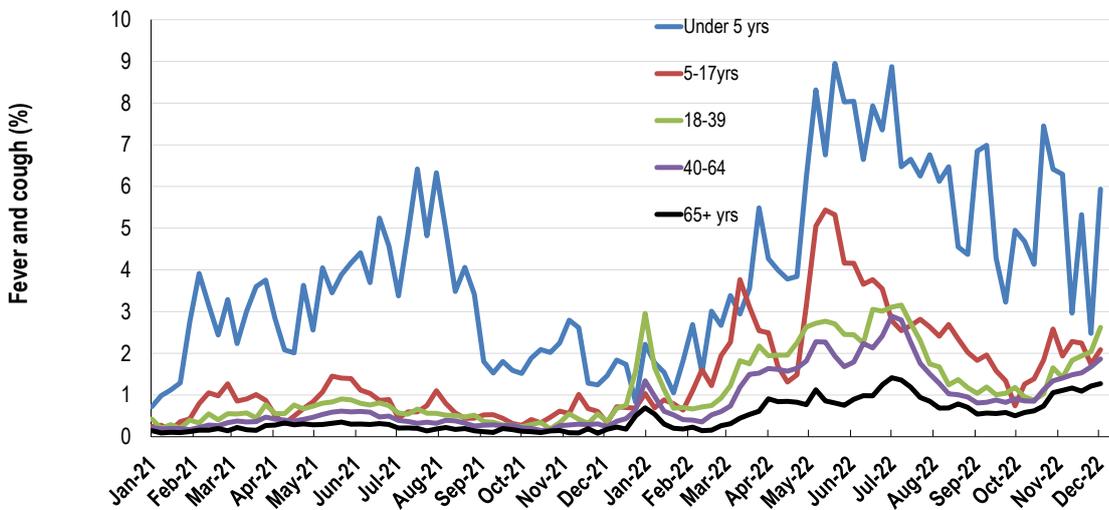
*Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever & cough

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

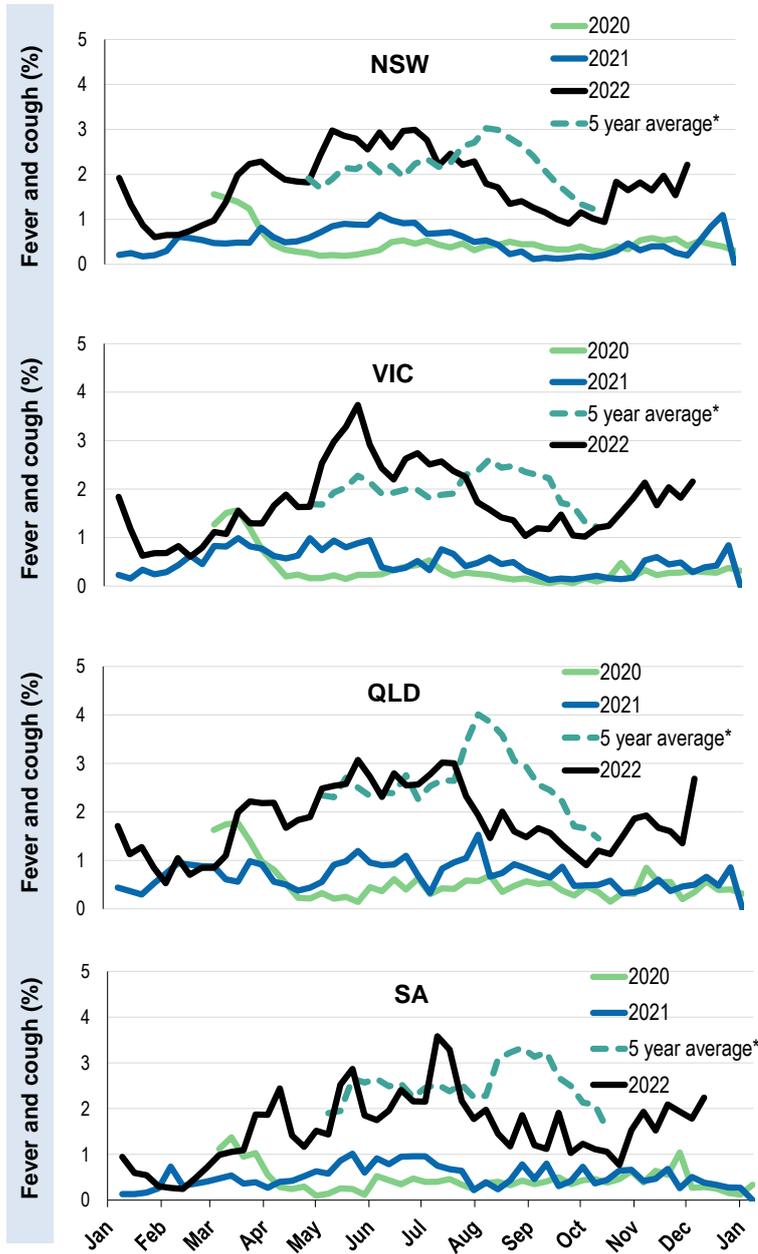


*5 year average is calculated using 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 data
^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

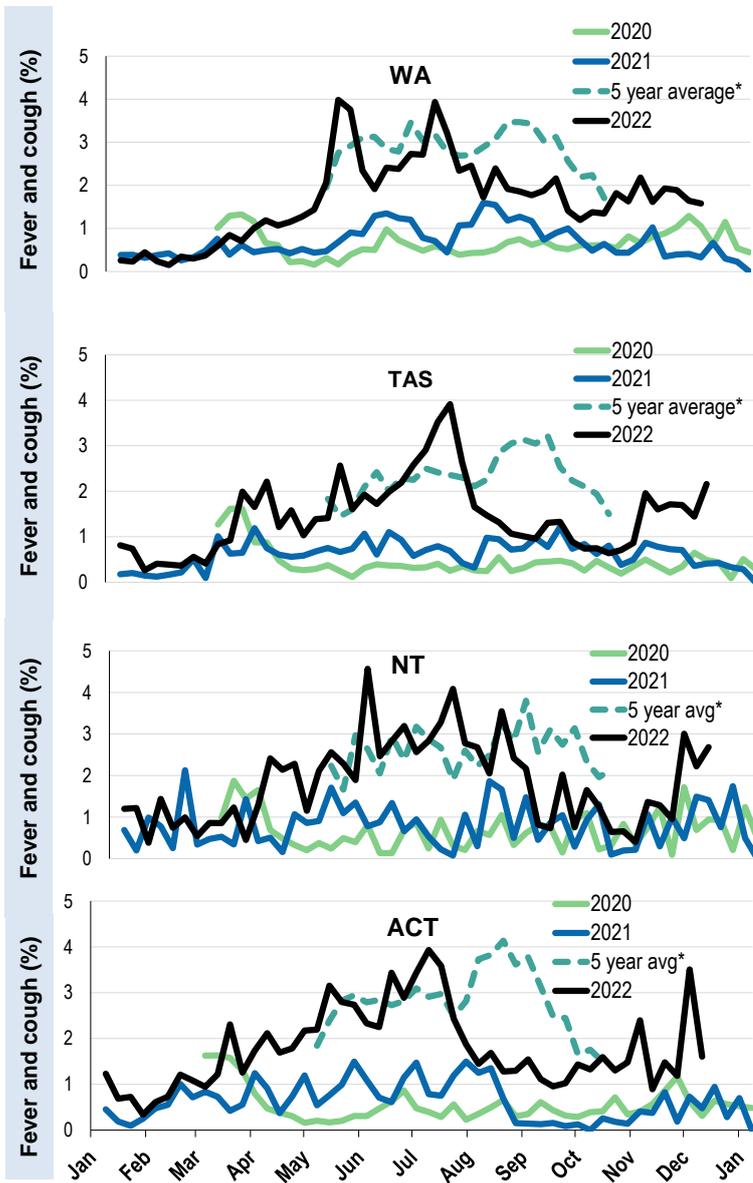


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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Participation:

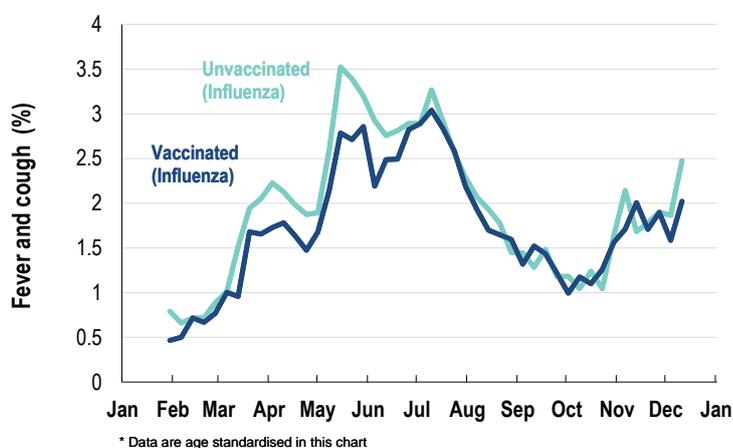
Week participants (Week last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	9422	35.9% 115.1
VIC	4837	18.4% 72.8
QLD	3071	11.7% 58.6
SA	2433	9.3% 137.2
WA	2667	10.2% 99.3
TAS	1905	7.3% 352.3
NT	552	2.1% 224.5
ACT	1387	5.3% 322.2
AUS	26274	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	0.9	0.5			44.7
5-11 years	86.3	82.0	2.0	0.0	43.0
12-17 years	97.4	96.5	21.5	0.8	31.2
18-64 years	99.3	99.1	94.4	55.6	68.2
65+ years	99.4	99.3	98.0	91.4	84.6
Working with patients	99.5	99.5	97.4	63.9	80.4
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	96.0	94.8	78.8	45.2	63.1
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.0	97.7	89.3	64.0	71.6

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



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

