

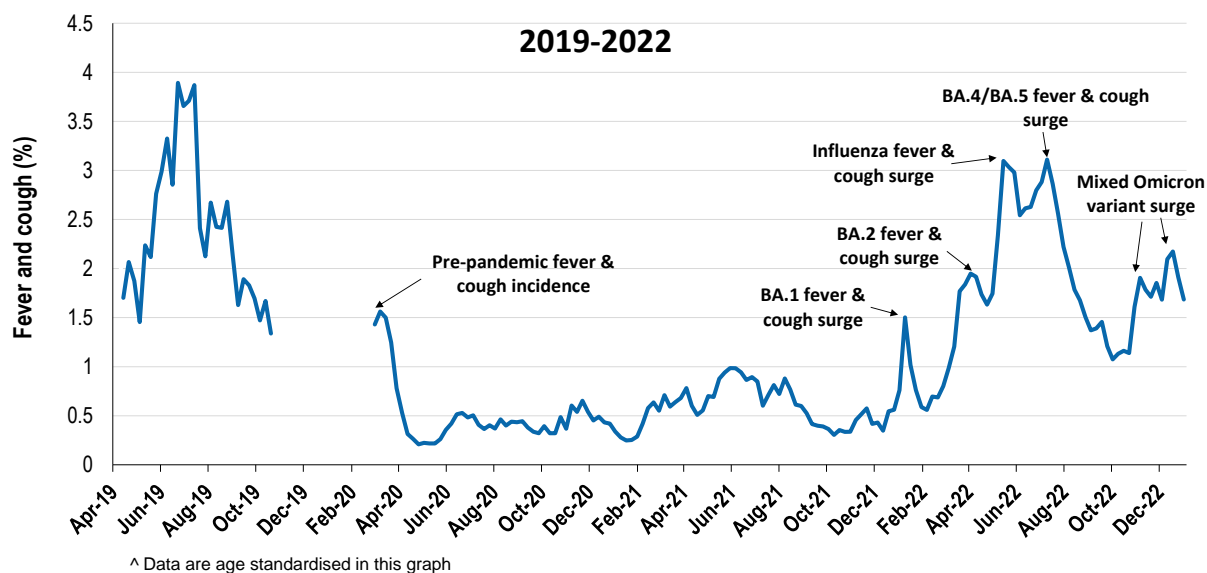
Respiratory illness levels are decreasing

23,632 participants this week

Respiratory illness activity*:

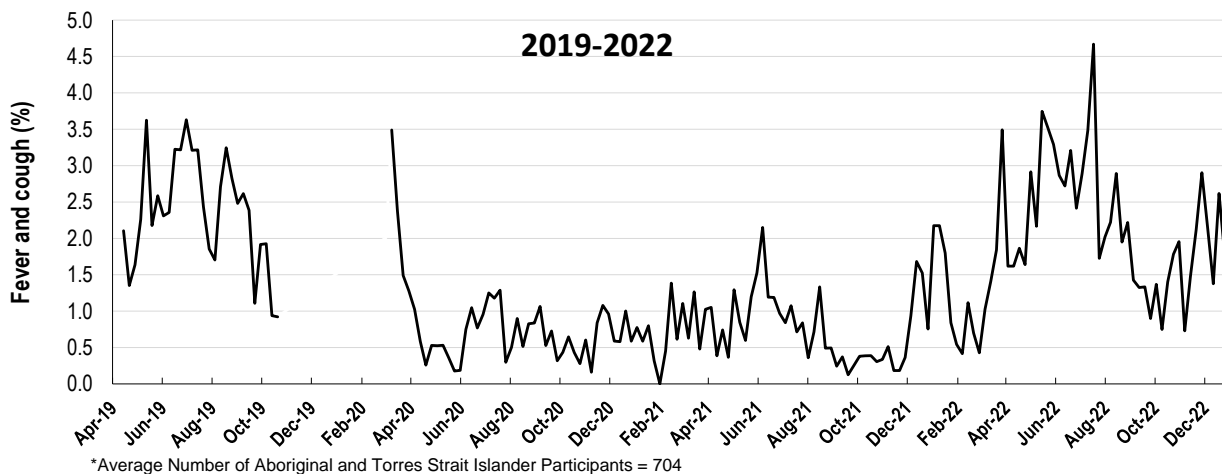
*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

1.7% this week and 1.9% last week



Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants

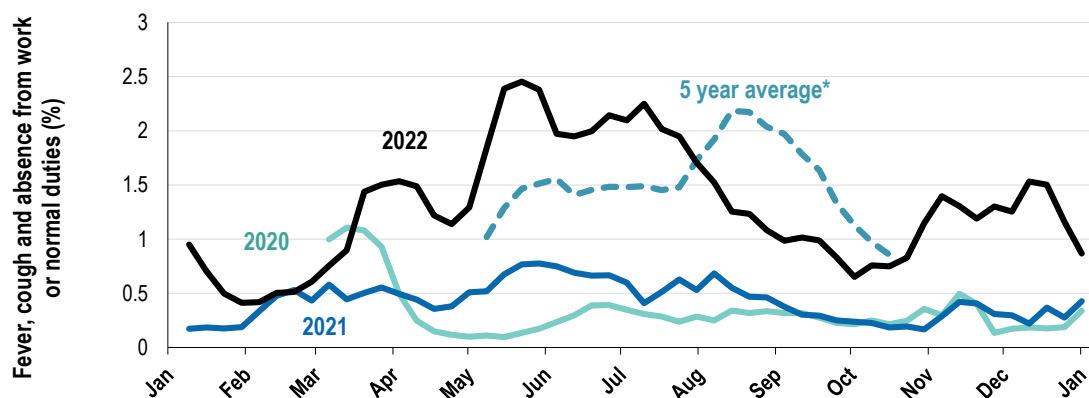
0.8% this week and 1.8% last week



Respiratory illness severity: 37.2% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 01 January 2023	Week ending 25 December 2022
	number (%)	number (%)
Number of participants	23632 (100%)	18641 (100%)
Fever & cough	312 (1.3%)	320 (1.7%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	183 (0.8%)	197 (1.1%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	151 (0.6%)	134 (0.7%)
Number of participants with fever and cough	312 (100%)	320 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	116 (37.2%)	108 (33.8%)
Admitted to hospital	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)
Tested for influenza	12 (3.8%)	17 (5.3%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	1 (0.3%)	2 (0.6%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	36 (11.5%)	51 (15.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	10 (3.2%)	32 (10.3%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	274 (87.8%)	288 (90.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	170 (54.5%)	174 (54.4%)

*Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Clinic, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever & cough

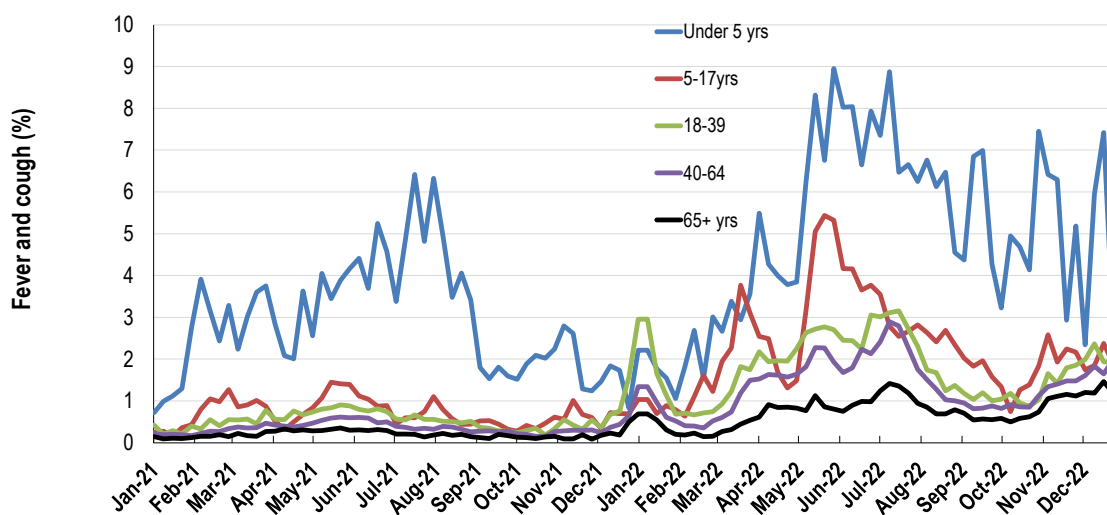
Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):



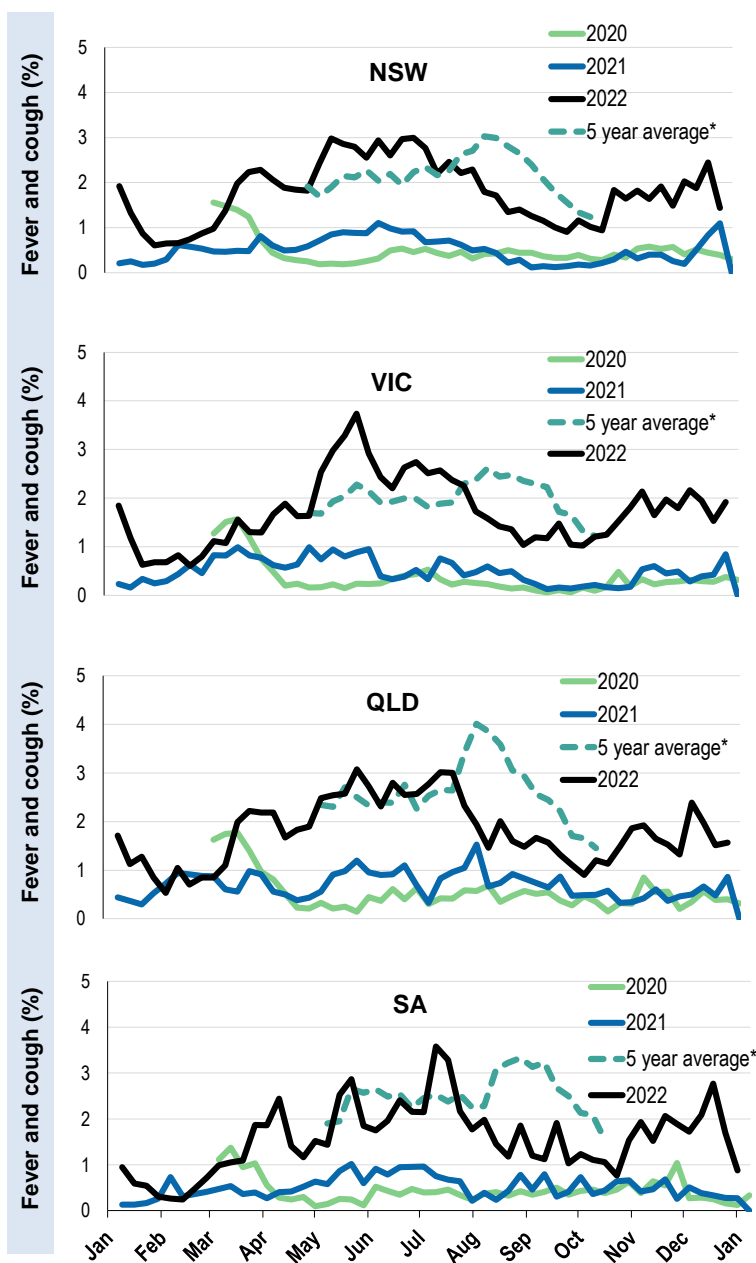
*5 year average is calculated using 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 data

^ Data are age standardised in this graph

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

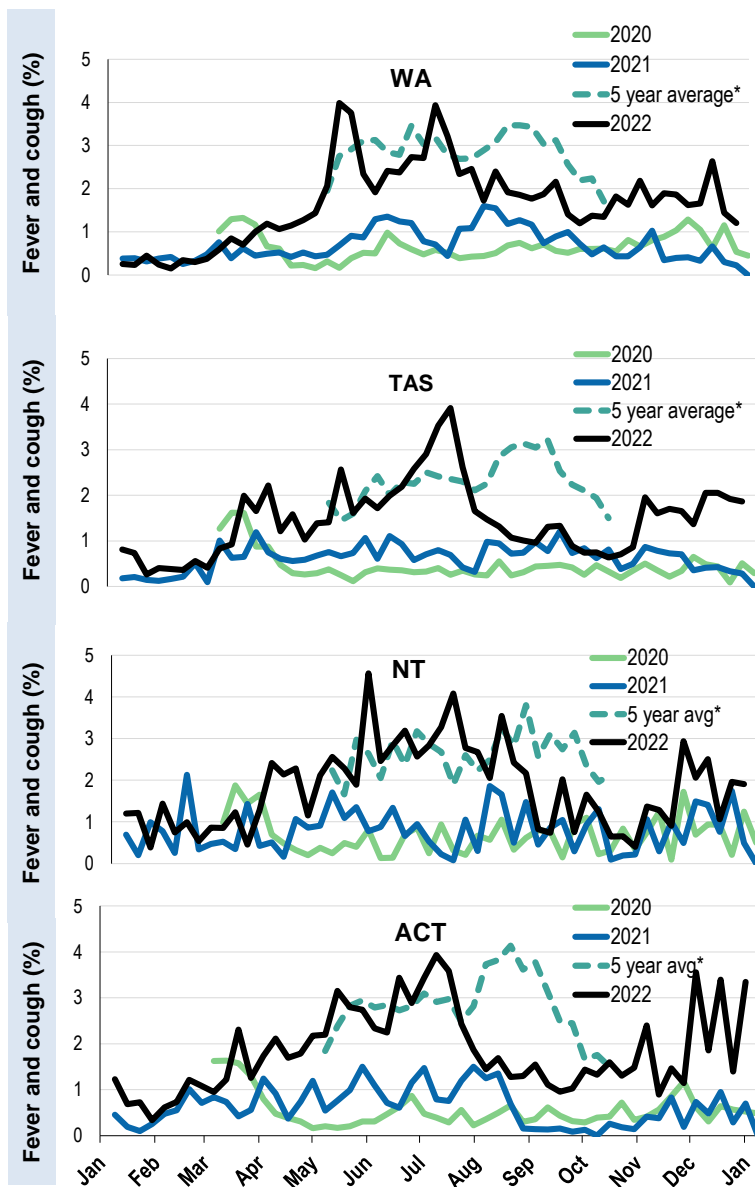


Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):



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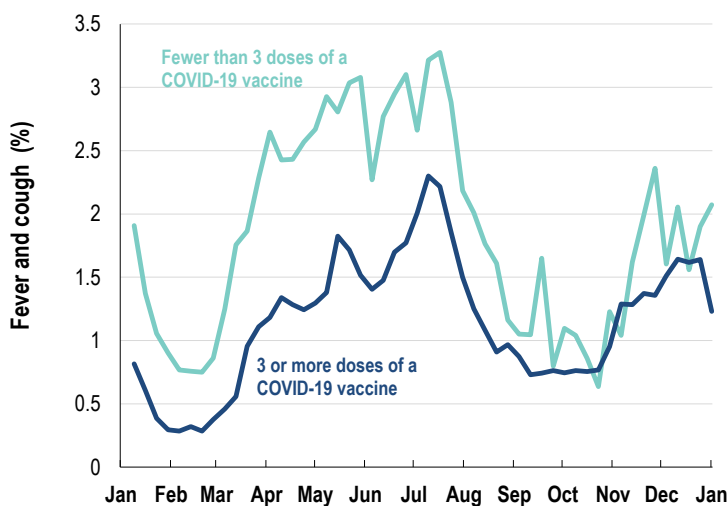
Participation:

Week participants (Week last week)

State	Participants	% Rate/100,000 population
NSW	8322	35.2% 101.7
VIC	4560	19.3% 68.6
QLD	2991	12.7% 57.1
SA	2153	9.1% 121.4
WA	2241	9.5% 83.5
TAS	1611	6.8% 297.9
NT	420	1.8% 170.8
ACT	1334	5.6% 309.9
AUS	23632	100.0% 91.8

Vaccination rates:

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine				Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)	4 doses (%)	
<5 years	1.6	0.5			0.0
5-11 years	84.4	77.0	2.3	0.0	0.0
12-17 years	97.2	94.9	20.4	1.0	0.0
18-64 years	99.3	98.9	94.2	58.5	0.0
65+ years	99.3	99.0	97.6	91.4	0.0
Working with patients	99.5	99.3	97.3	68.0	0.0
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	95.2	92.0	75.7	49.0	0.0
Vaccinated overall (%)	98.1	97.5	89.9	67.7	0.0

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


* Data are for participants aged 16 years or older in this chart

