

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

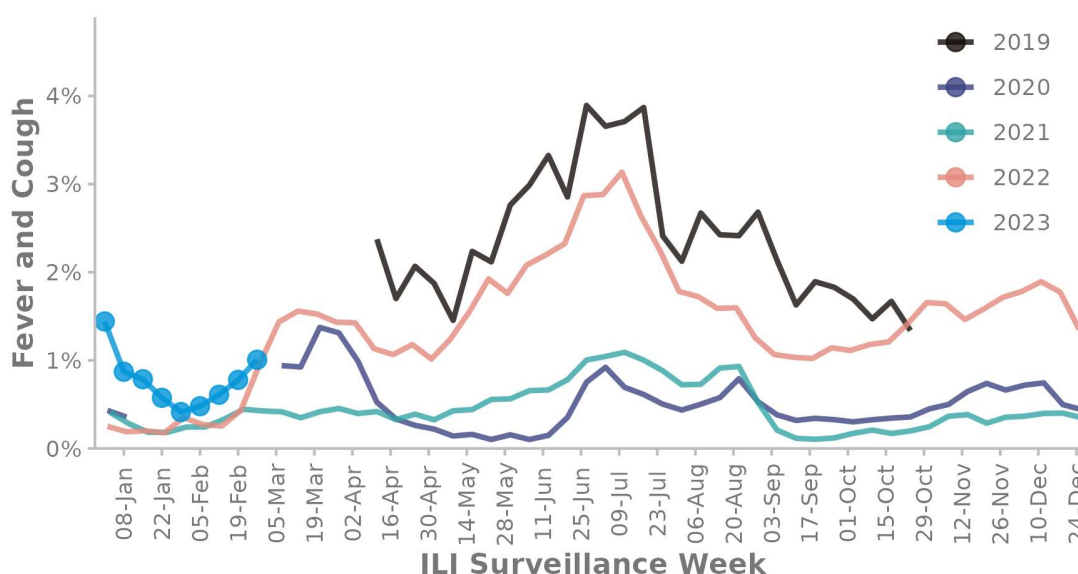
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Week Ending 26 February 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.7% participants

(FluTracking is an online self-reporting respiratory illness surveillance system. Care should be taken when interpreting this report)

FIGURE 1. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS



This survey was sent on 27 February 2023 01:01 AM and by 02 March 2023 08:30 am we had received 13,512 responses (13,351 last week) from 8,284 people responding for themselves and 5,228 household members across New Zealand. 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.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 1% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.7% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 1.9% of participants aged less than 5 years, 2.1% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.5% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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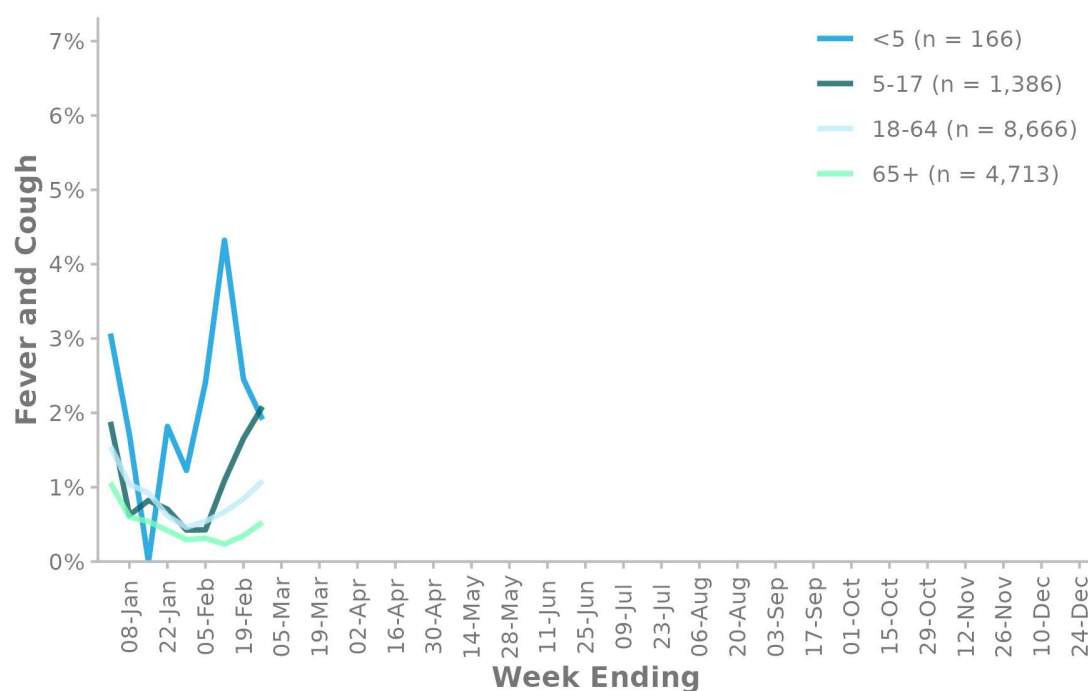
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	9,975	73.8%
South Island	3,537	26.2%
New Zealand	13,512	100%

TABLE 2. SELF-REPORTED COVID-19 AND INFLUENZA TESTING

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	19 February 2023	26 February 2023
Tested for influenza	4 (4.1%)	5 (3.7%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	88 (89.8%)	121 (89%)
Result positive for COVID-19	38 (38.8%)	47 (34.6%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP



n = number of participants for current week

TABLE 3. COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES

Vaccinated participants	At least 1 dose (%)	... 2 doses (%)	... 3 doses (%)	... 4 doses (%)
5-17 years	93.9	86.8	8.4	0.3
18-64 years	99.5	99.4	95.3	44.5
65 + years	99.5	99.4	98.4	86.0
Working with patients	99.5	99.3	98.6	66.5
Vaccinated overall	97.9	97.1	87.2	53.3

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