

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

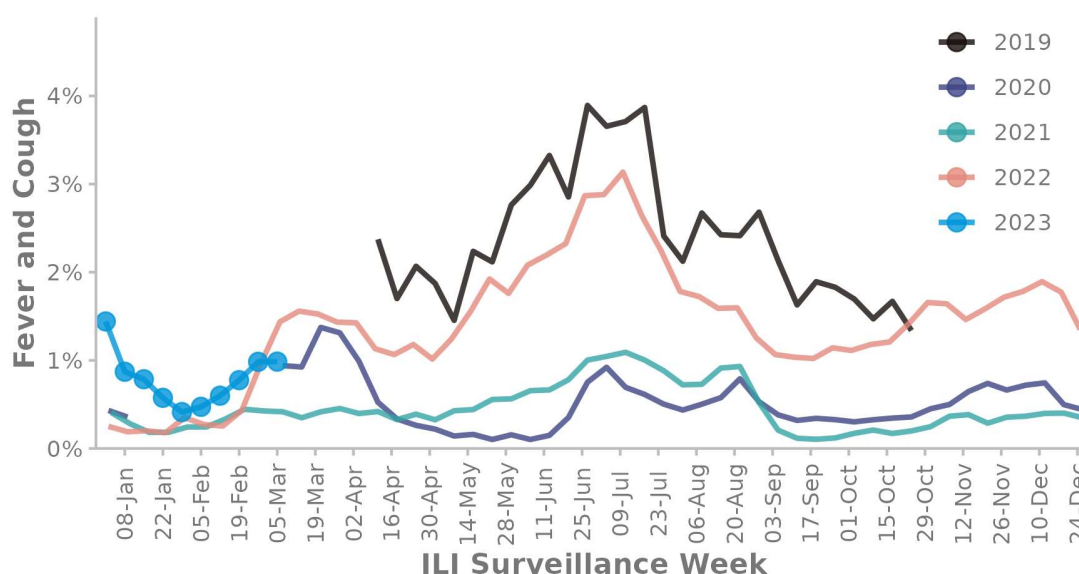
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Week Ending 05 March 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.8% 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 06 March 2023 01:01 AM and by 09 March 2023 08:30 am we had received 13,800 responses (13,515 last week) from 8,432 people responding for themselves and 5,368 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 0.8% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 4.7% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.7% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.4% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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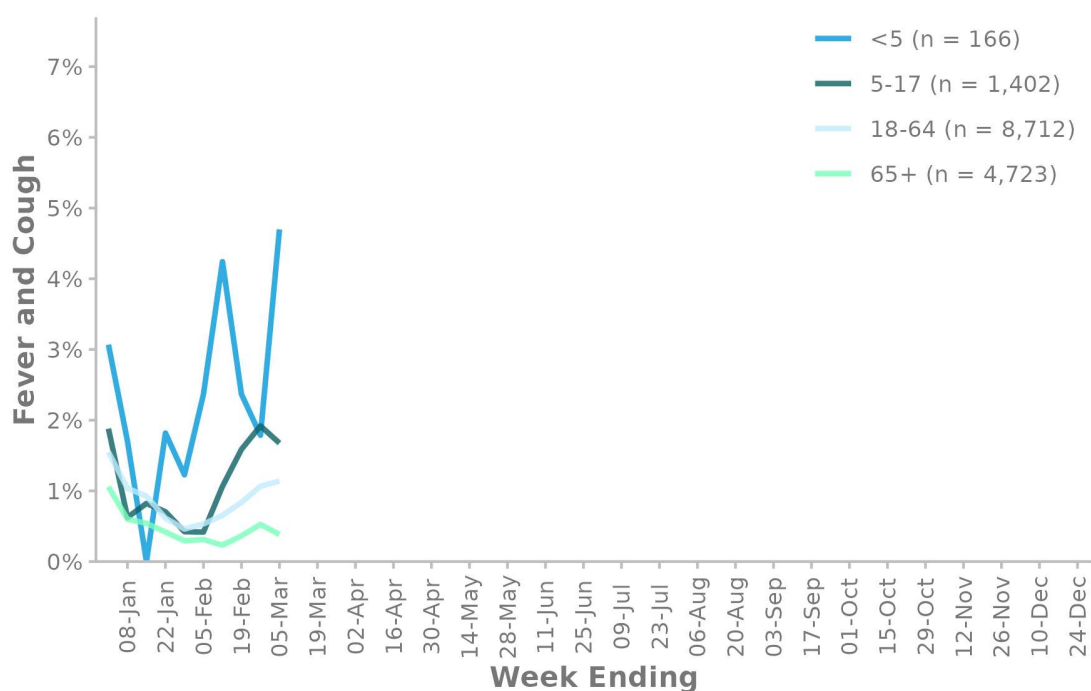
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	10,208	74%
South Island	3,592	26%
New Zealand	13,800	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	26 February 2023	05 March 2023
Tested for influenza	5 (3.7%)	2 (1.5%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	122 (89.7%)	118 (86.8%)
Result positive for COVID-19	48 (35.3%)	53 (39%)

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	94.5	87.7	8.7	0.4
18-64 years	99.5	99.4	95.2	44.4
65 + years	99.5	99.5	98.3	85.8
Working with patients	99.5	99.5	98.4	66.2
Vaccinated overall	98.0	97.2	87.0	53.0

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