

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

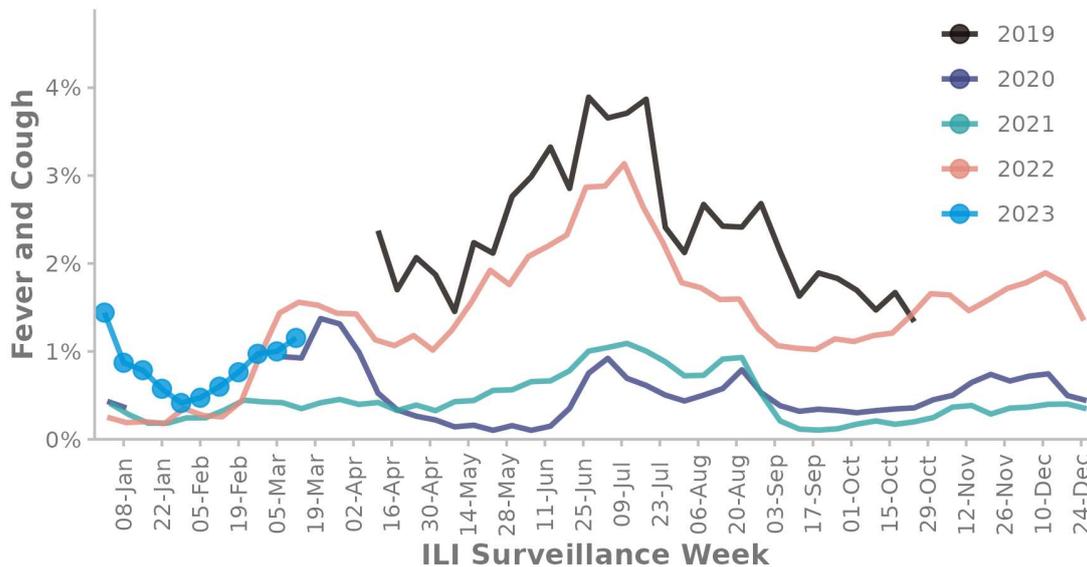
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Week Ending 12 March 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.9% 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 13 March 2023 01:01 AM and by 16 March 2023 08:30 am we had received 13,710 responses (13,802 last week) from 8,389 people responding for themselves and 5,321 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 1.2% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.9% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 2.7% of participants aged less than 5 years, 2% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.3% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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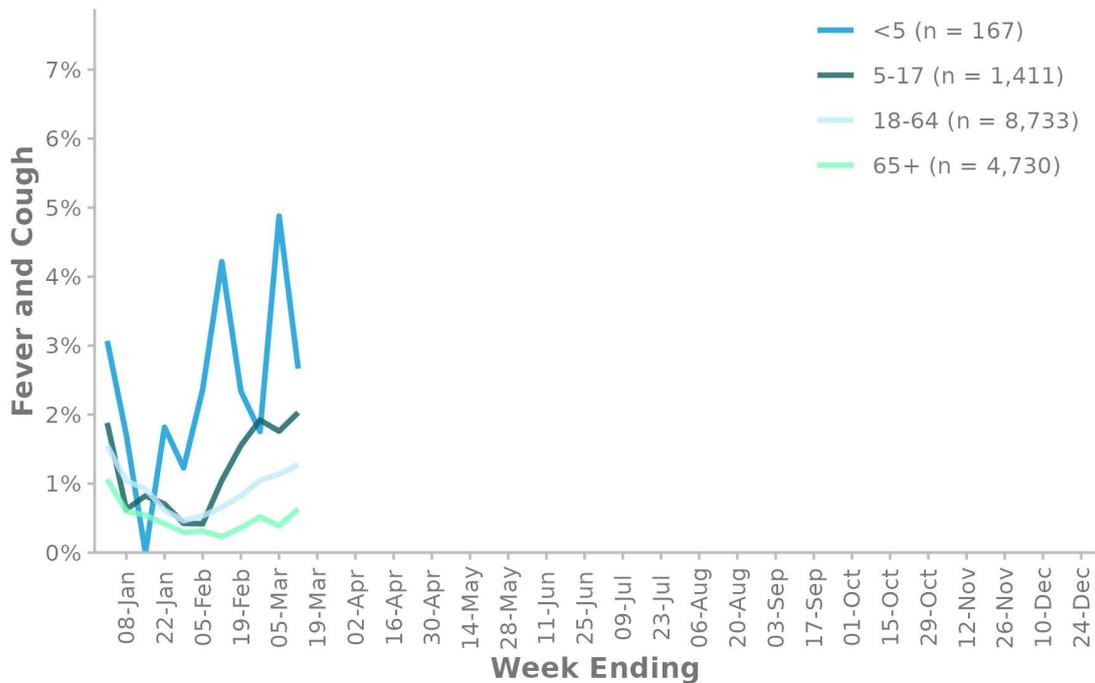
**TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	10,122	73.8%
South Island	3,588	26.2%
New Zealand	13,710	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	05 March 2023	12 March 2023
Tested for influenza	4 (2.9%)	3 (1.9%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	118 (86.8%)	130 (82.3%)
Result positive for COVID-19	54 (39.7%)	51 (32.3%)

**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	94.0	87.2	8.1	0.4
18-64 years	99.6	99.5	95.3	44.6
65 + years	99.5	99.4	98.1	85.3
Working with patients	99.7	99.7	98.6	67.0
Vaccinated overall	98.0	97.2	87.1	53.2

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