

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

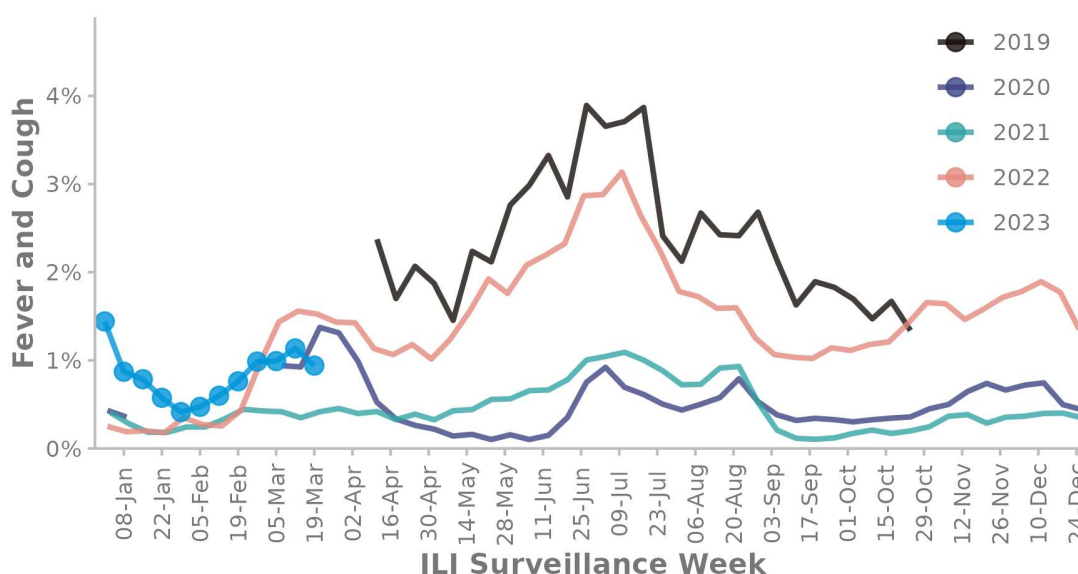
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Week Ending 19 March 2023

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 20 March 2023 01:01 AM and by 23 March 2023 08:30 am we had received 13,616 responses (13,695 last week) from 8,363 people responding for themselves and 5,253 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 0.9% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.7% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 3.3% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.8% of participants aged 5-17 years, 0.9% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.8% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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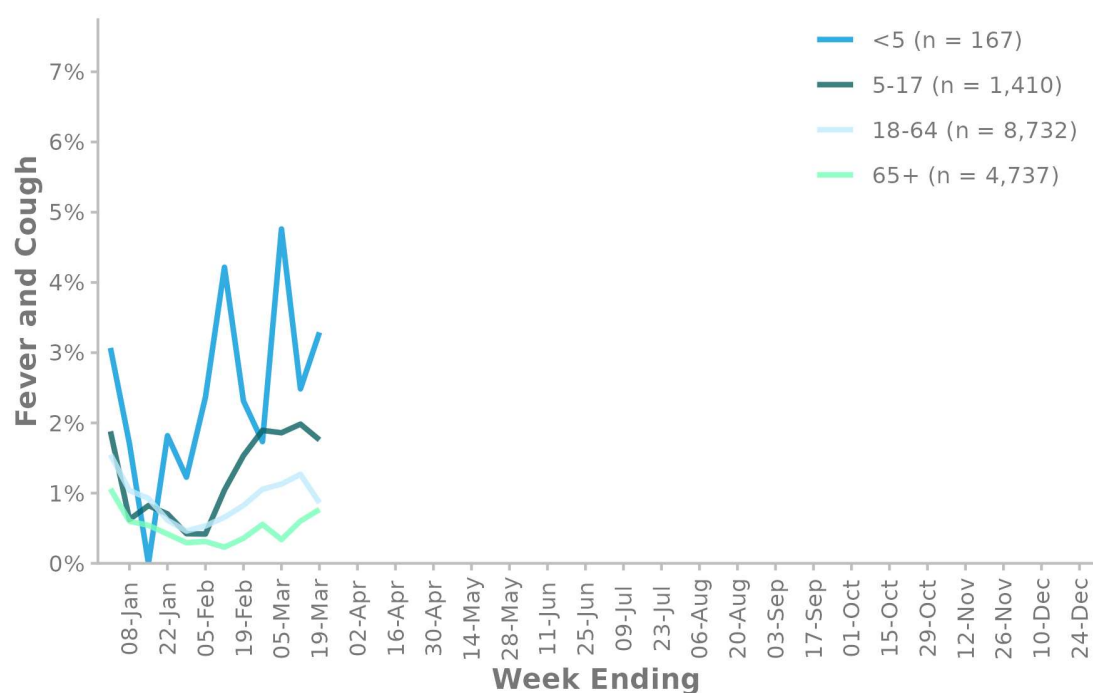
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

| Jurisdiction | Respondents | Percentage |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| North Island | 10,090      | 74.1%      |
| South Island | 3,526       | 25.9%      |
| New Zealand  | 13,616      | 100%       |

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

|                               | Week Ending   |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| (% of fever and cough)        | 12 March 2023 | 19 March 2023 |
| Tested for influenza          | 3 (1.9%)      | 3 (2.3%)      |
| Result positive for influenza | 0 (0%)        | 1 (0.8%)      |
| Tested for COVID-19           | 133 (84.2%)   | 119 (93%)     |
| Result positive for COVID-19  | 53 (33.5%)    | 50 (39.1%)    |

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              | 93.6                | 87.0            | 8.2             | 0.5             |
| 18-64 years             | 99.6                | 99.5            | 95.4            | 44.7            |
| 65 + years              | 99.5                | 99.4            | 98.2            | 85.8            |
| Working with patients   | 99.7                | 99.6            | 98.6            | 66.9            |
| Vaccinated overall      | 97.9                | 97.2            | 87.3            | 53.5            |

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