

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

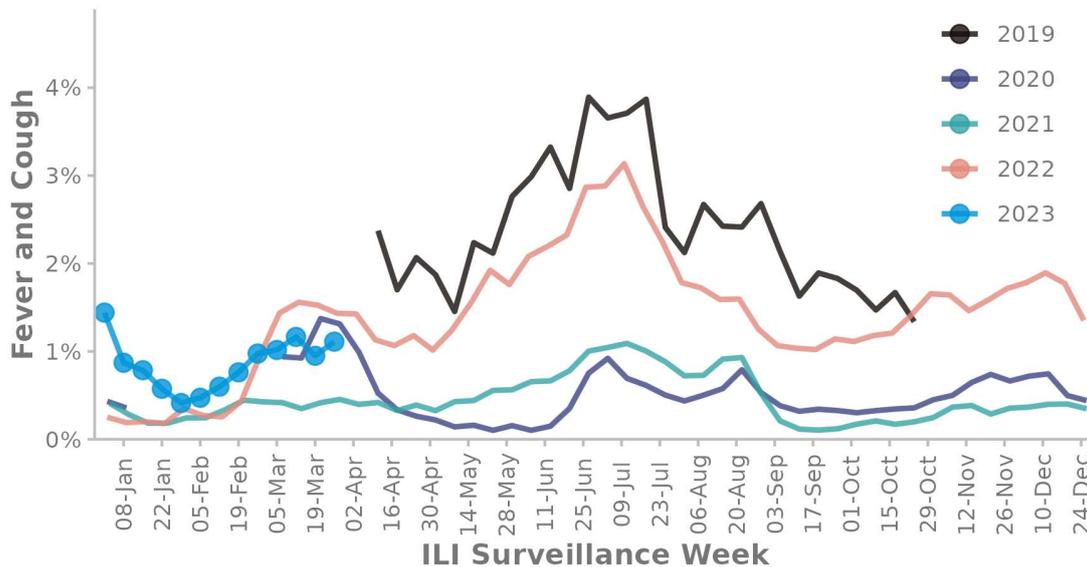
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Week Ending 26 March 2023

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 27 March 2023 01:01 AM and by 30 March 2023 08:30 am we had received 13,691 responses (13,624 last week) from 8,359 people responding for themselves and 5,332 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 1.1% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.8% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 4.6% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.2% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.9% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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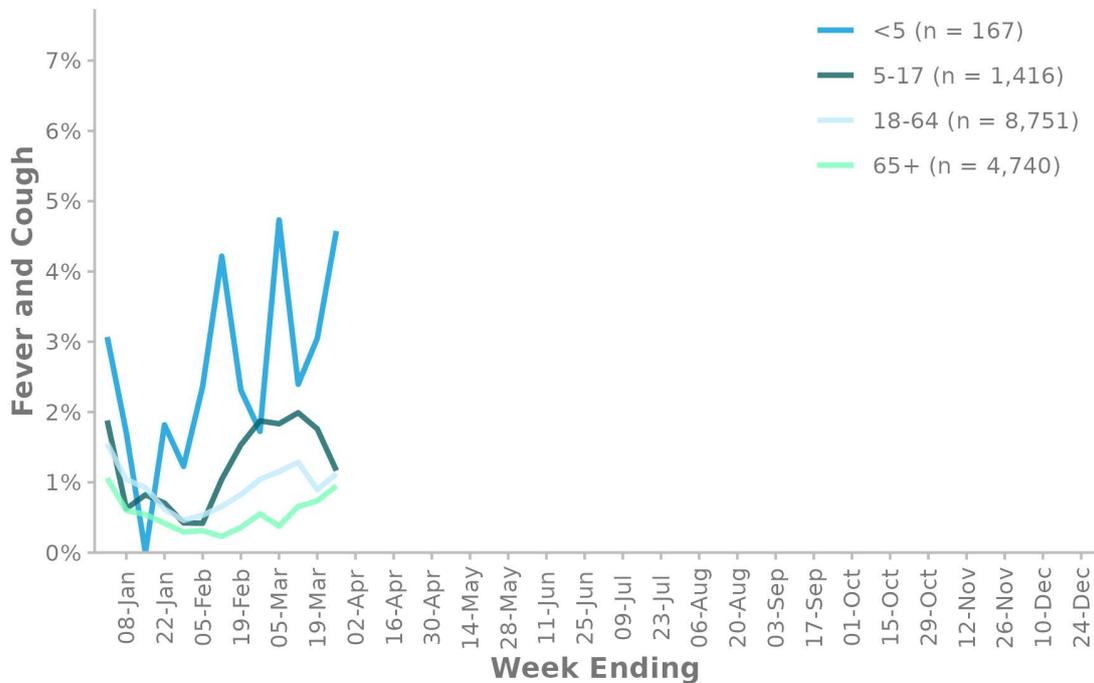
**TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	10,077	73.6%
South Island	3,614	26.4%
New Zealand	13,691	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	19 March 2023	26 March 2023
Tested for influenza	2 (1.6%)	2 (1.3%)
Result positive for influenza	1 (0.8%)	1 (0.7%)
Tested for COVID-19	117 (92.9%)	134 (88.2%)
Result positive for COVID-19	51 (40.5%)	69 (45.4%)

**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	93.8	86.9	8.3	0.4
18-64 years	99.6	99.4	95.5	44.8
65 + years	99.5	99.5	98.3	85.9
Working with patients	99.6	99.6	98.7	67.3
Vaccinated overall	97.9	97.1	87.1	53.4

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