

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

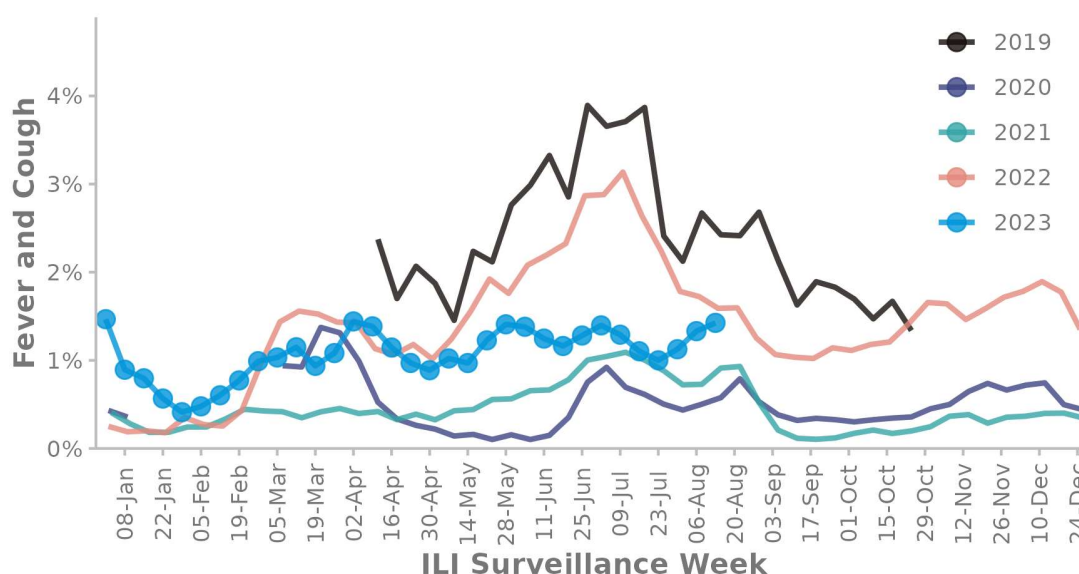
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Week Ending 13 August 2023

Rising levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 1% 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 14 August 2023 01:01 AM and by 17 August 2023 08:30 am we had received 35,783 responses (35,864 last week) from 22,194 people responding for themselves and 13,589 household members across New Zealand.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 1.4% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 1% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 6.3% of participants aged less than 5 years, 3.8% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.4% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.7% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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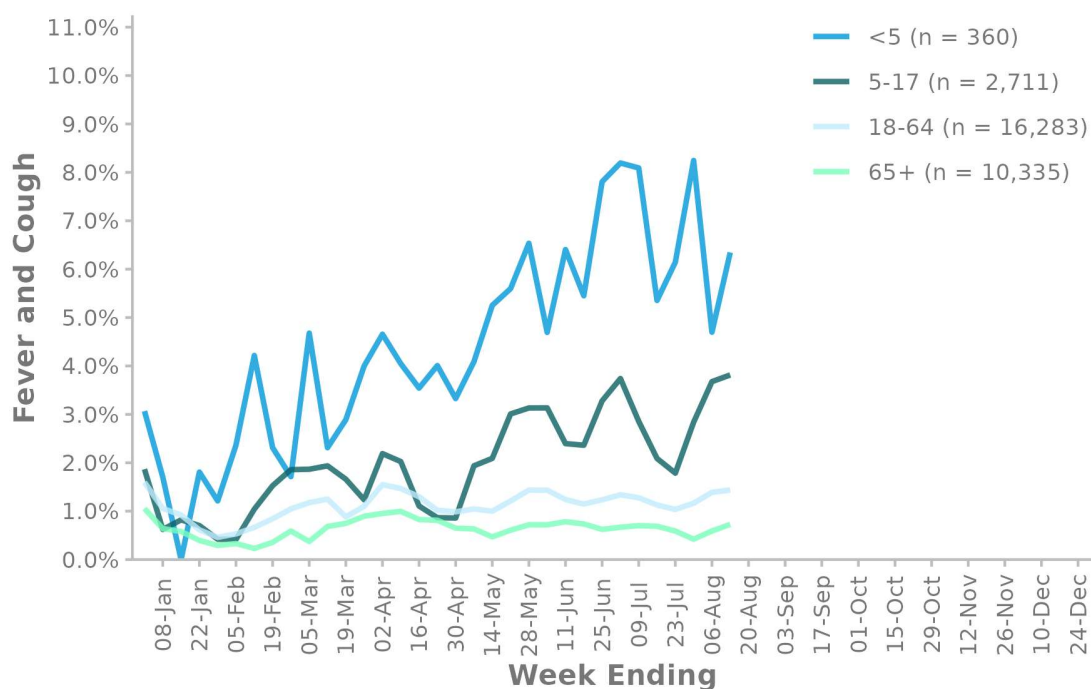
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	26,147	73.1%
South Island	9,636	26.9%
New Zealand	35,783	100%

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

	Week Ending	
(% of fever and cough)	06 August 2023	13 August 2023
Tested for influenza	17 (3.6%)	13 (2.5%)
Result positive for influenza	8 (1.7%)	4 (0.8%)
Tested for COVID-19	340 (71.3%)	348 (68.2%)
Result positive for COVID-19	50 (10.5%)	77 (15.1%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP



n = number of participants for current week

**FIGURE 3. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY INFLUENZA VACCINATION STATUS**



**TABLE 3. COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES**

Vaccinated participants	At least 1 dose (%)	... 2 doses (%)	... 3 doses (%)	... 4 doses (%)
5-17 years	92.3	84.8	8.6	0.7
18-64 years	99.7	99.6	95.5	61.7
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.4	89.8
Working with patients	99.7	99.7	98.8	76.7
Vaccinated overall	97.9	97.2	88.1	66.5

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