

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

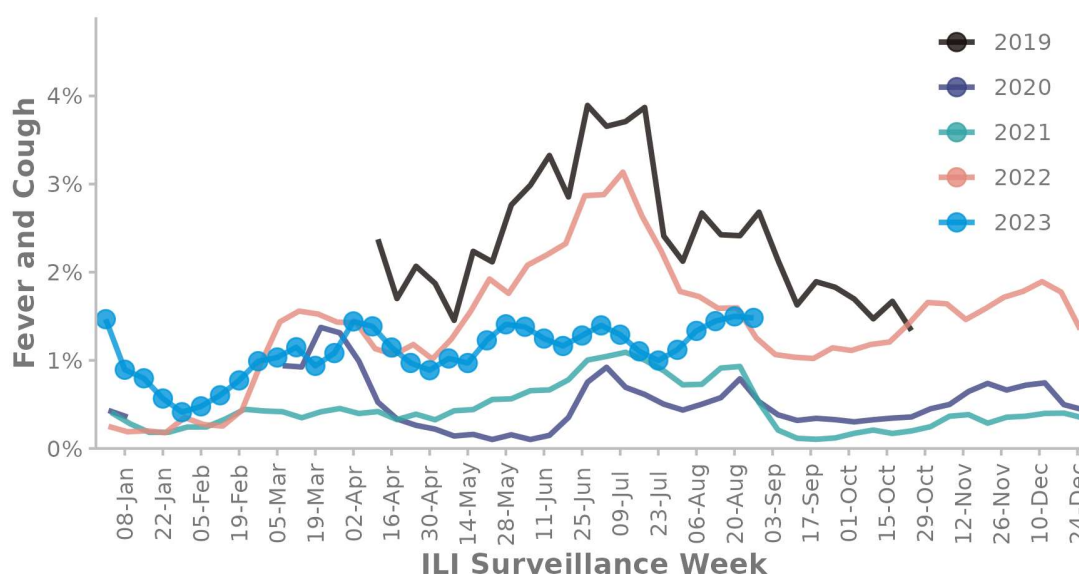
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Week Ending 27 August 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 1.1% 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 28 August 2023 01:01 AM and by 31 August 2023 08:30 am we had received 34,299 responses (35,635 last week) from 21,346 people responding for themselves and 12,953 household members across New Zealand.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 1.5% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 1.1% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 5.8% of participants aged less than 5 years, 3.5% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.6% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.8% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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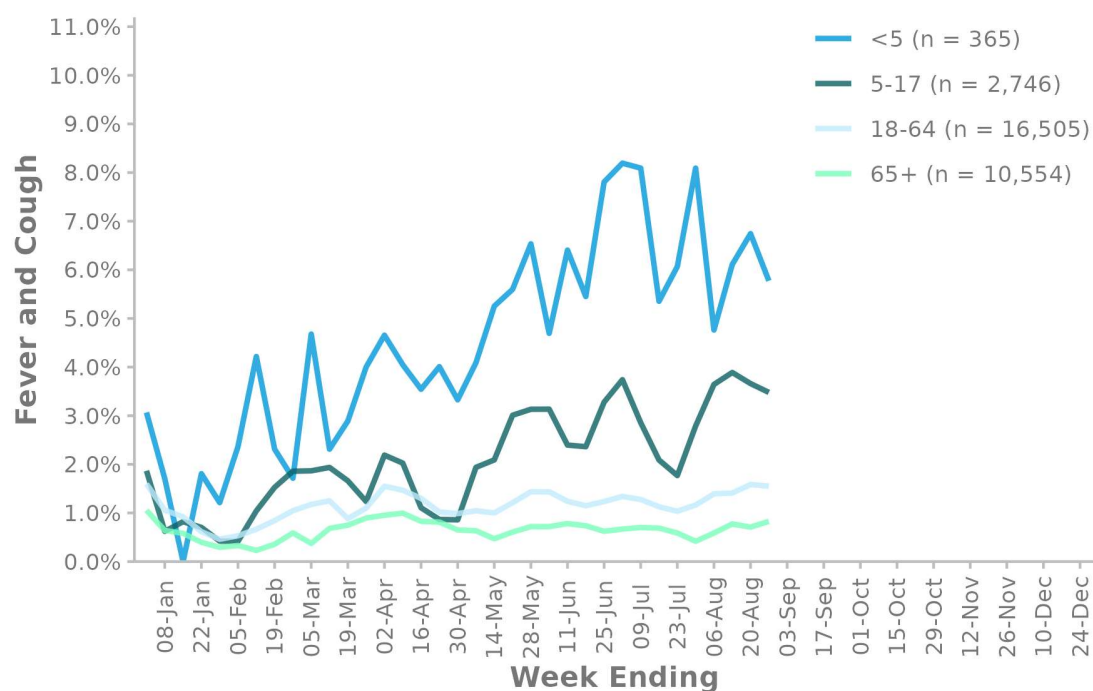
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	25,116	73.2%
South Island	9,183	26.8%
New Zealand	34,299	100%

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

	Week Ending	
(% of fever and cough)	20 August 2023	27 August 2023
Tested for influenza	17 (3.2%)	14 (2.8%)
Result positive for influenza	3 (0.6%)	6 (1.2%)
Tested for COVID-19	372 (70.1%)	343 (67.5%)
Result positive for COVID-19	82 (15.4%)	69 (13.6%)

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	91.6	84.6	8.7	0.8
18-64 years	99.7	99.6	95.7	62.3
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.5	89.8
Working with patients	99.7	99.6	98.7	76.4
Vaccinated overall	97.9	97.2	88.3	67.1

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