

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

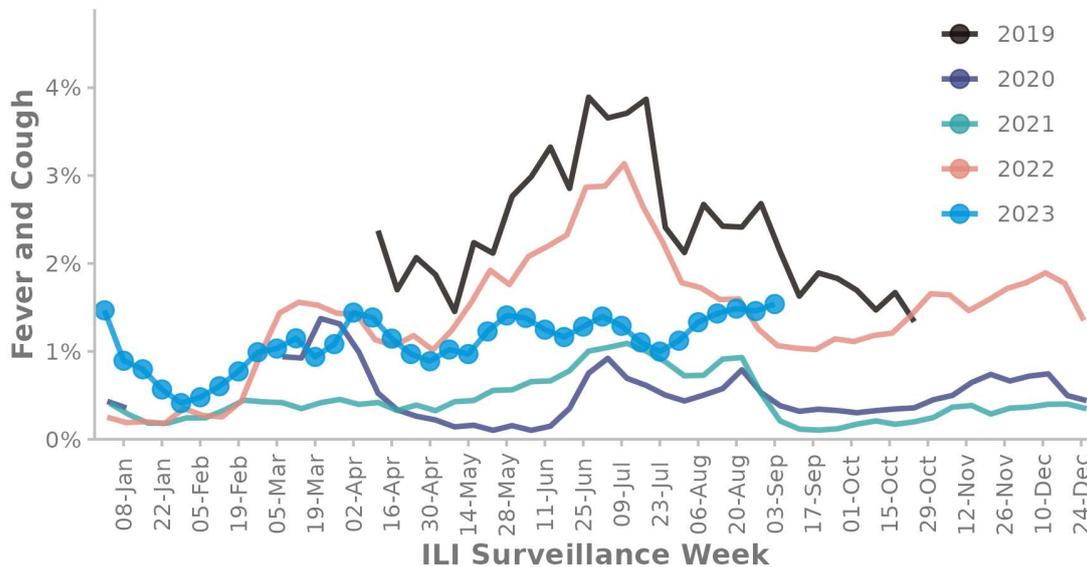
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Week Ending 03 September 2023

Rising 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 04 September 2023 01:01 AM and by 07 September 2023 08:30 am we had received 34,311 responses (34,212 last week) from 21,318 people responding for themselves and 12,993 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 7.7% of participants aged less than 5 years, 3.4% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.6% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.9% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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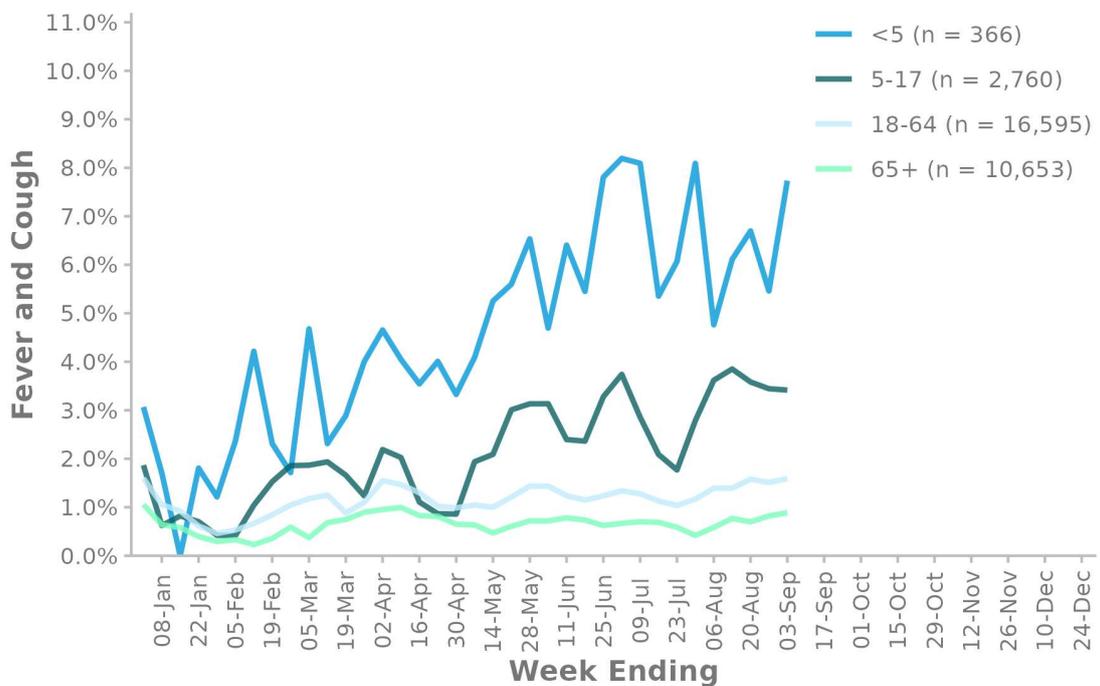
**TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	25,028	72.9%
South Island	9,283	27.1%
New Zealand	34,311	100%

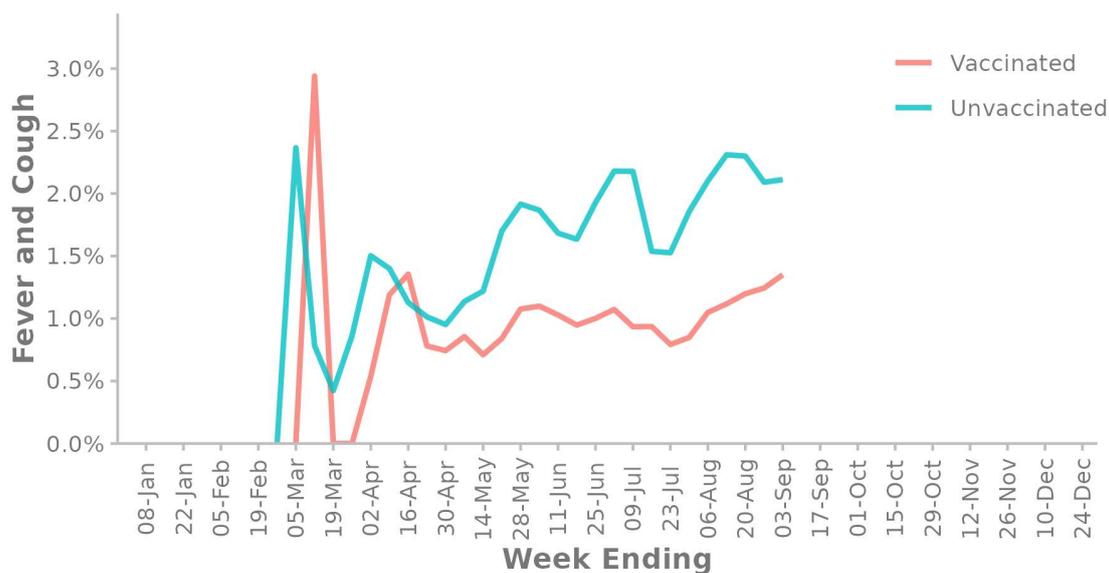
**TABLE 2. SELF-REPORTED COVID-19 AND INFLUENZA TESTING**

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	27 August 2023	03 September 2023
Tested for influenza	16 (3.2%)	9 (1.7%)
Result positive for influenza	6 (1.2%)	2 (0.4%)
Tested for COVID-19	356 (70.2%)	348 (65.9%)
Result positive for COVID-19	76 (15%)	79 (15%)

**FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP**



**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	91.8	84.8	8.2	0.9
18-64 years	99.7	99.5	95.5	62.3
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.4	89.6
Working with patients	99.7	99.7	98.8	76.7
Vaccinated overall	97.9	97.2	88.2	67.0

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