

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

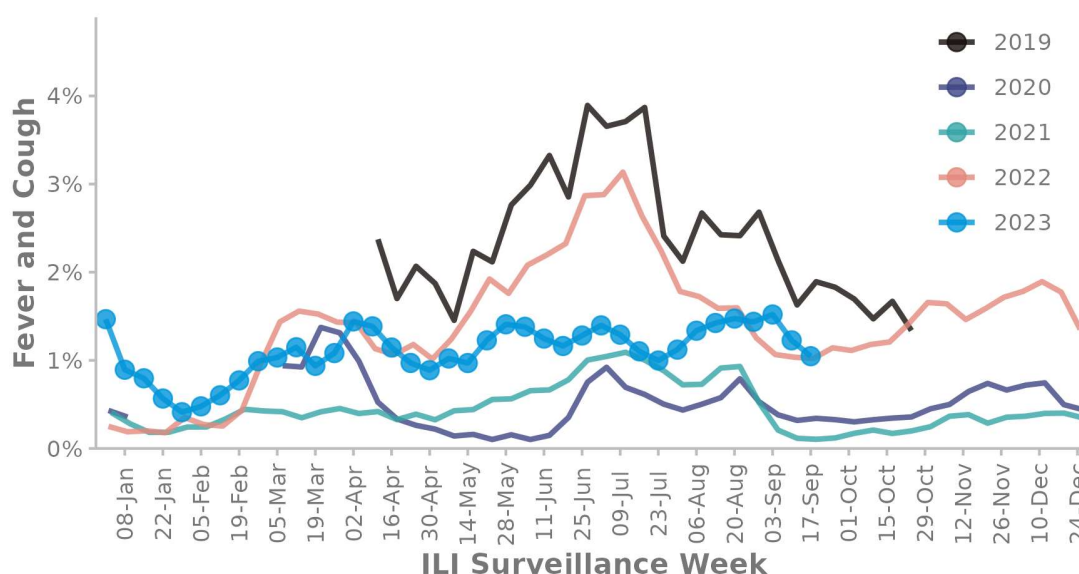
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Week Ending 17 September 2023

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 18 September 2023 01:01 AM and by 21 September 2023 08:30 am we had received 33,913 responses (33,960 last week) from 21,119 people responding for themselves and 12,794 household members across New Zealand.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 1% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.7% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 6% of participants aged less than 5 years, 2.1% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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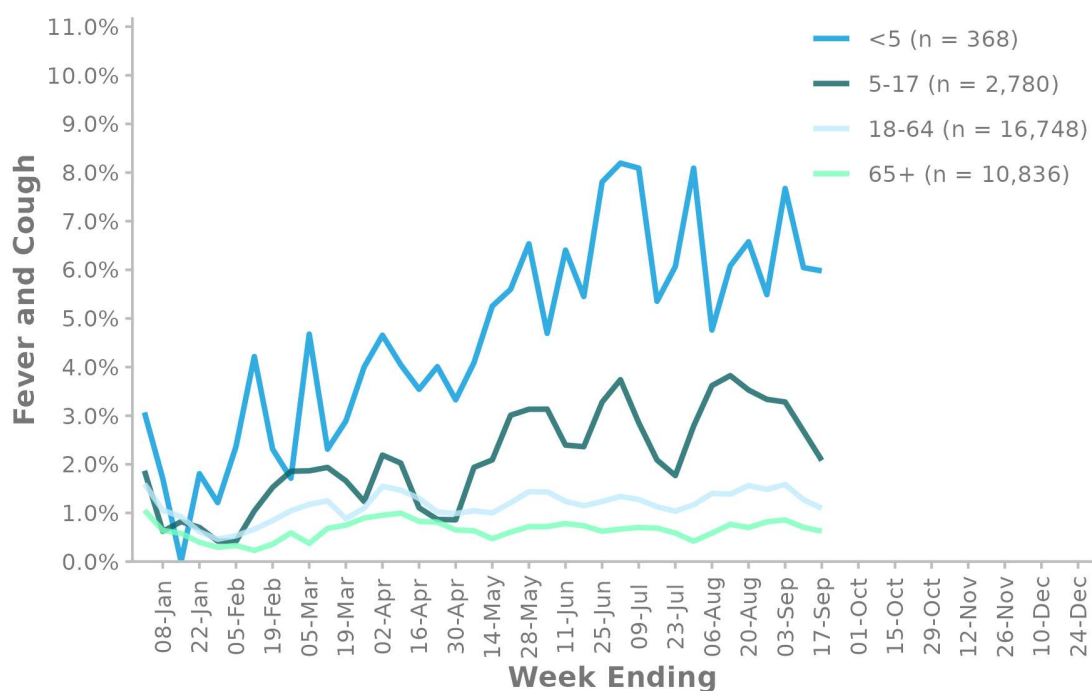
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	24,755	73%
South Island	9,158	27%
New Zealand	33,913	100%

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

	Week Ending	
(% of fever and cough)	10 September 2023	17 September 2023
Tested for influenza	10 (2.4%)	7 (2%)
Result positive for influenza	1 (0.2%)	3 (0.8%)
Tested for COVID-19	292 (70%)	231 (65.1%)
Result positive for COVID-19	59 (14.1%)	45 (12.7%)

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	91.9	84.6	8.1	0.8
18-64 years	99.6	99.6	95.5	62.8
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.5	89.9
Working with patients	99.6	99.6	98.6	76.3
Vaccinated overall	97.9	97.3	88.3	67.6

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