

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

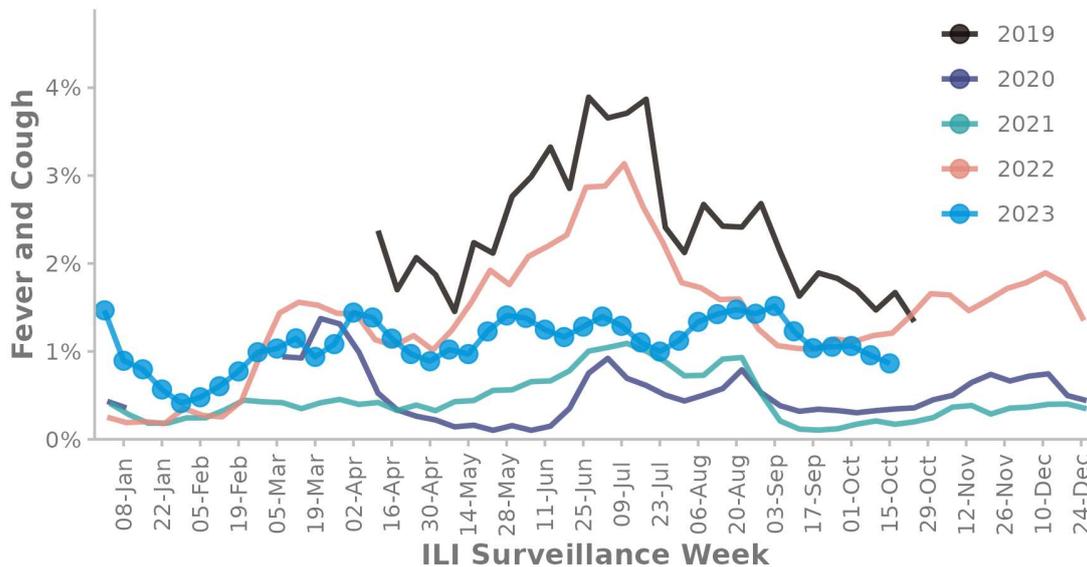
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Week Ending 15 October 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.6% 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 16 October 2023 01:01 AM and by 19 October 2023 08:30 am we had received 32,904 responses (33,392 last week) from 20,678 people responding for themselves and 12,226 household members across New Zealand.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 0.9% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.6% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 4.2% of participants aged less than 5 years, 0.9% of participants aged 5-17 years, 0.9% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.7% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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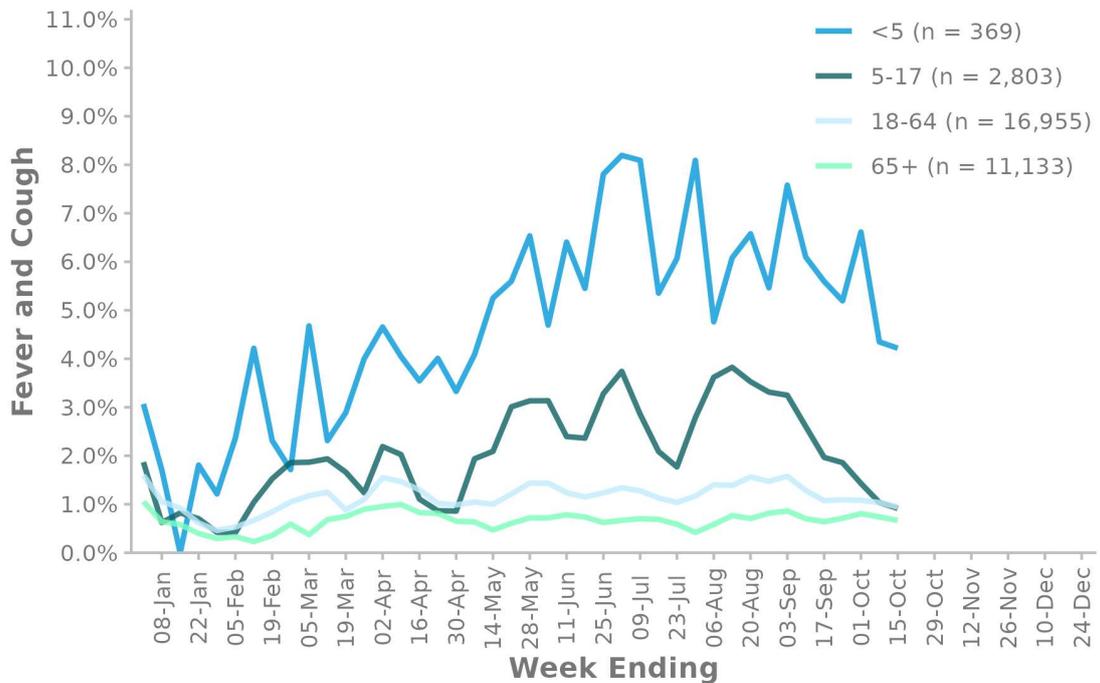
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	24,112	73.3%
South Island	8,792	26.7%
New Zealand	32,904	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	08 October 2023	15 October 2023
Tested for influenza	8 (2.4%)	7 (2.5%)
Result positive for influenza	2 (0.6%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	250 (76%)	218 (76.8%)
Result positive for COVID-19	95 (28.9%)	100 (35.2%)

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	91.2	84.1	8.2	1.0
18-64 years	99.6	99.5	95.7	63.7
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.4	90.0
Working with patients	99.7	99.6	98.8	77.7
Vaccinated overall	98.0	97.3	88.8	68.6

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