

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

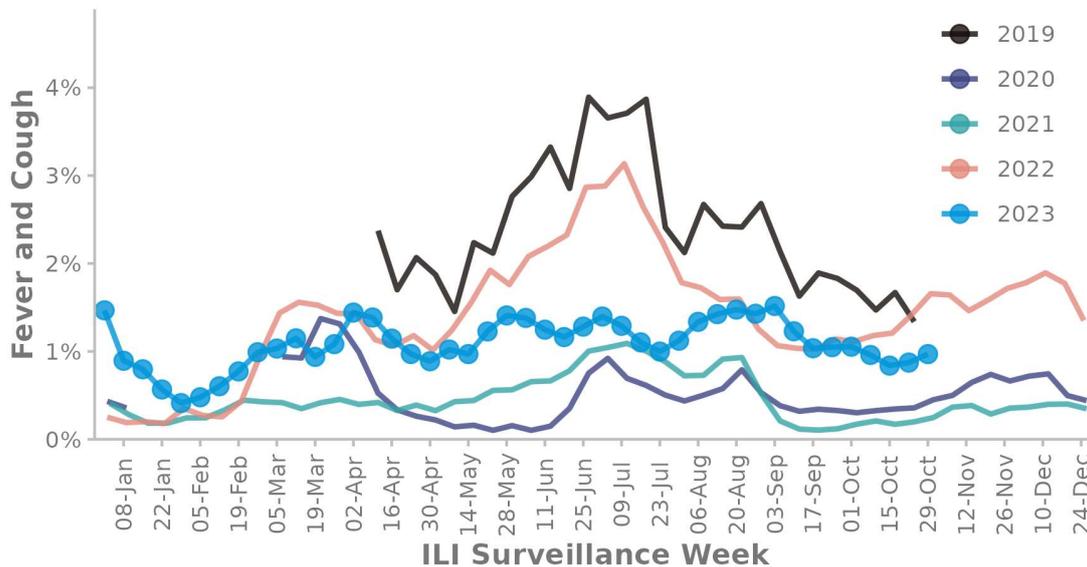
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Week Ending 29 October 2023

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 30 October 2023 01:01 AM and by 02 November 2023 08:30 am we had received 33,749 responses (32,482 last week) from 21,147 people responding for themselves and 12,602 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 5.4% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.6% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

The data presented here should not be treated as authoritative and should always be interpreted together with other trusted sources from the [New Zealand Influenza Intelligence Report](#)

TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	24,729	73.3%
South Island	9,020	26.7%
New Zealand	33,749	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	22 October 2023	29 October 2023
Tested for influenza	6 (2.1%)	7 (2.1%)
Result positive for influenza	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)
Tested for COVID-19	228 (78.1%)	242 (74%)
Result positive for COVID-19	112 (38.4%)	116 (35.5%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP

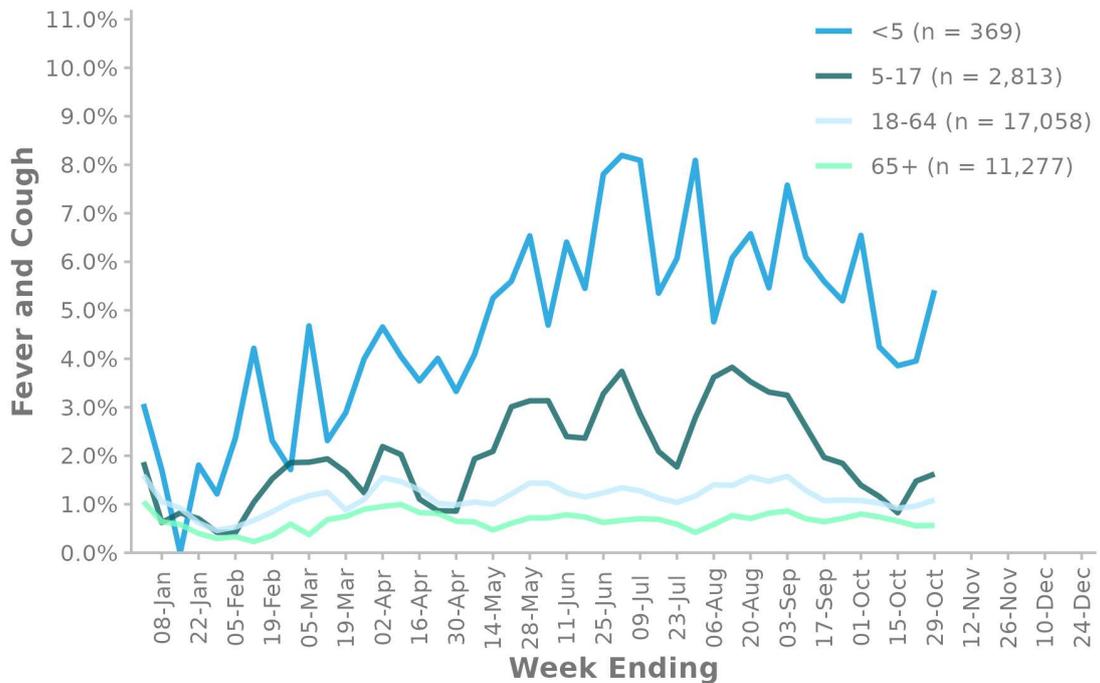


FIGURE 3. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY INFLUENZA VACCINATION STATUS

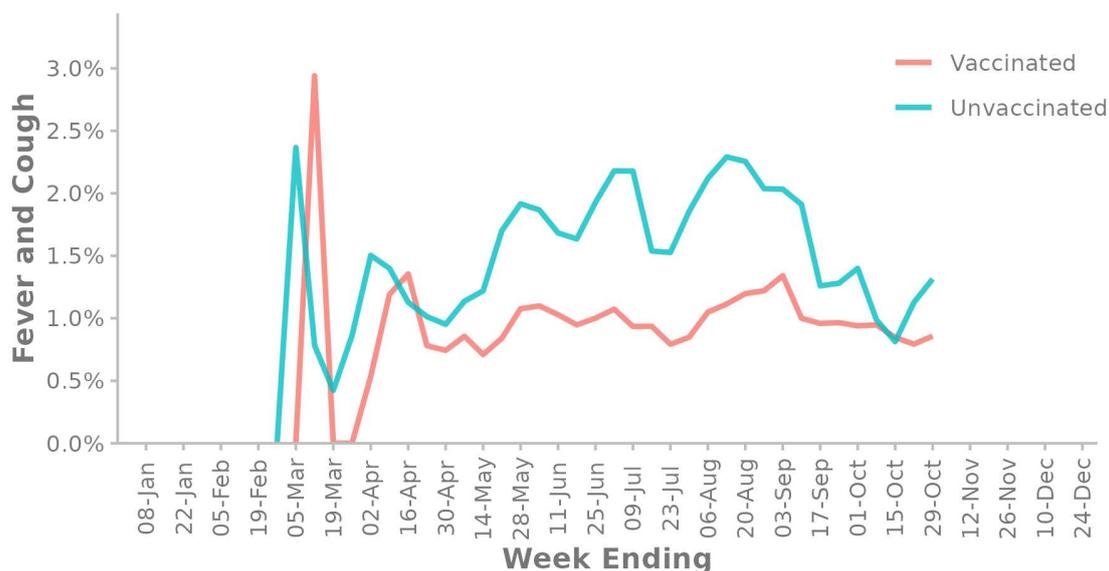


TABLE 3. COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES

Vaccinated participants	At least 1 dose (%)	... 2 doses (%)	... 3 doses (%)	... 4 doses (%)
5-17 years	91.4	84.0	7.9	0.9
18-64 years	99.7	99.6	95.6	63.7
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.4	90.0
Working with patients	99.7	99.6	98.8	77.3
Vaccinated overall	98.0	97.3	88.7	68.5

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