

# Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

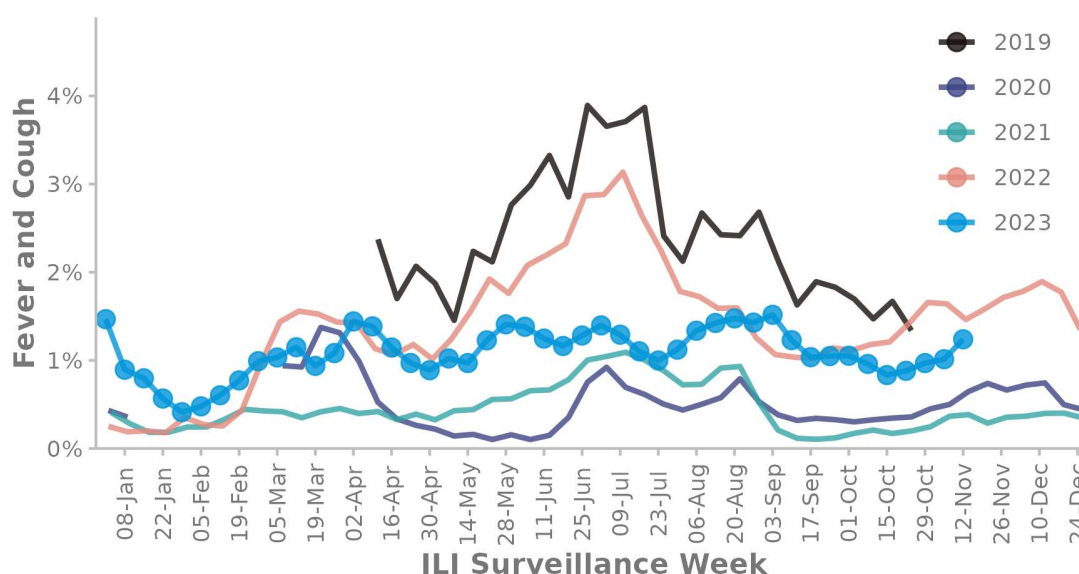
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Week Ending 12 November 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.9% 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 13 November 2023 01:01 AM and by 16 November 2023 08:30 am we had received 22,607 responses (31,662 last week) from 14,536 people responding for themselves and 8,071 household members across New Zealand. Please note over the summer period there will be a reduced sample size for FluTracking, as participants have been given the option to opt-out until April 2024.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 1.2% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.9% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 3.6% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.8% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.3% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 1% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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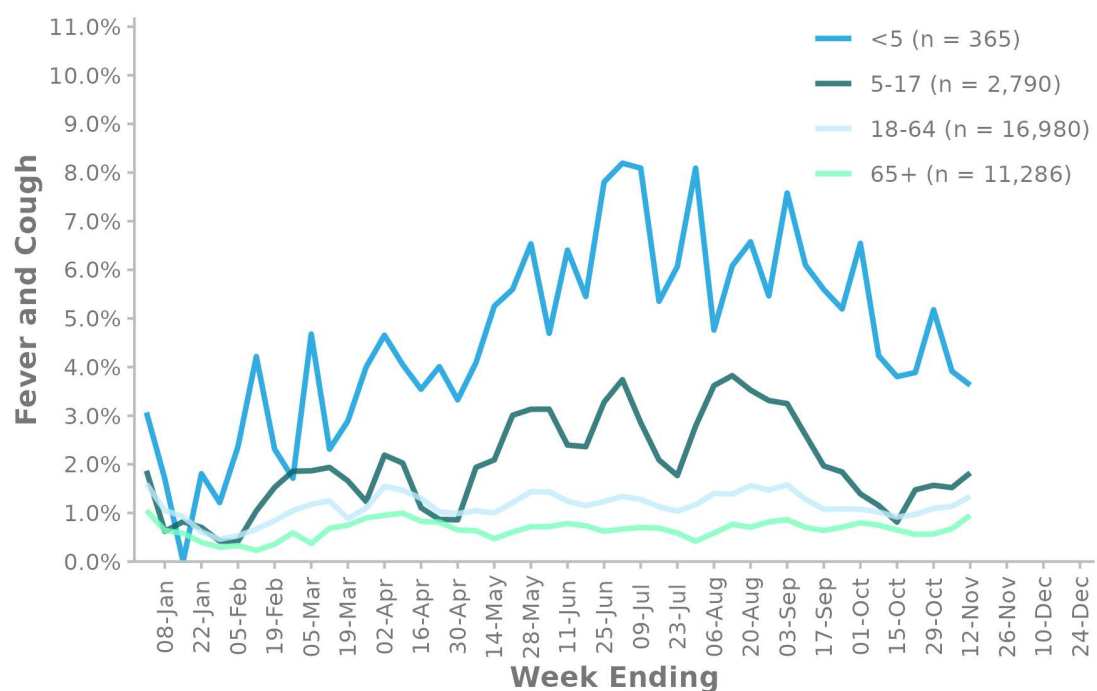
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	16,567	73.3%
South Island	6,040	26.7%
New Zealand	22,607	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	05 November 2023	12 November 2023
Tested for influenza	9 (2.9%)	4 (1.4%)
Result positive for influenza	3 (1%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	264 (84.1%)	235 (83.9%)
Result positive for COVID-19	136 (43.3%)	122 (43.6%)

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	92.0	83.4	8.3	0.9
18-64 years	99.6	99.5	95.7	64.7
65 + years	99.6	99.6	98.3	90.2
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	98.6	78.5
Vaccinated overall	98.2	97.5	89.5	69.8

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