

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

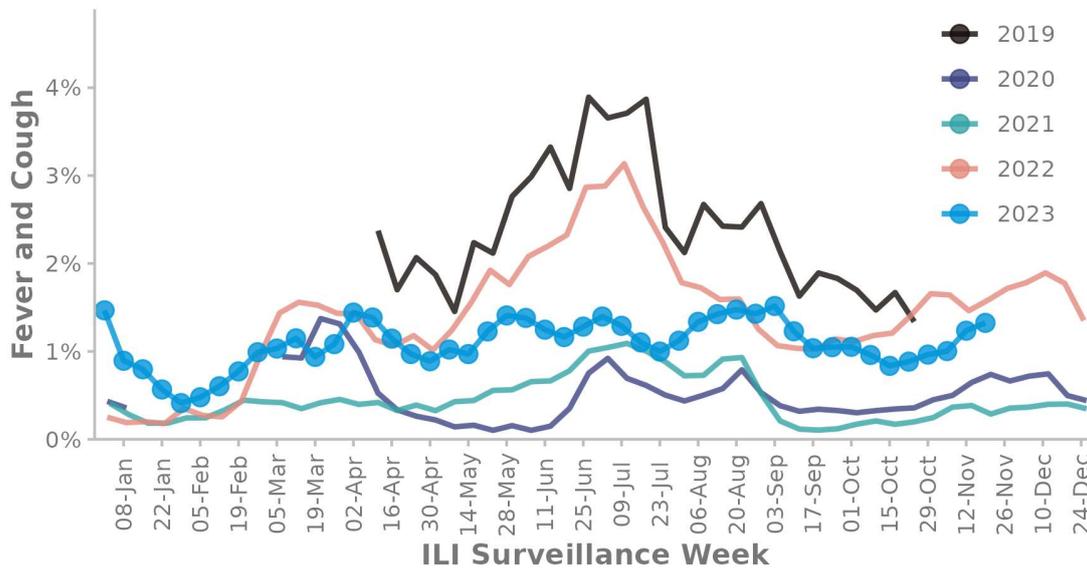
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Week Ending 19 November 2023

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 20 November 2023 01:01 AM and by 23 November 2023 08:30 am we had received 19,638 responses (22,600 last week) from 12,833 people responding for themselves and 6,805 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 1.3% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.9% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 8.3% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.5% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.4% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 1% 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	14,378	73.2%
South Island	5,260	26.8%
New Zealand	19,638	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	12 November 2023	19 November 2023
Tested for influenza	4 (1.4%)	6 (2.3%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	1 (0.4%)
Tested for COVID-19	239 (85.4%)	225 (86.5%)
Result positive for COVID-19	128 (45.7%)	107 (41.2%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP

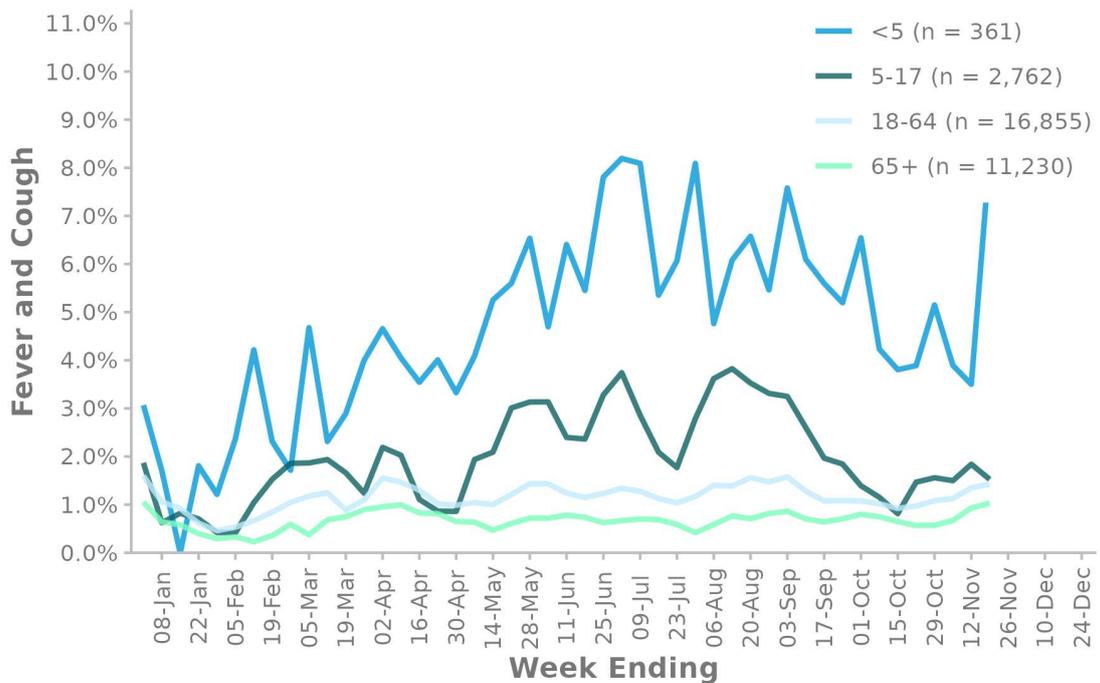


FIGURE 3. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY INFLUENZA VACCINATION STATUS



TABLE 3. COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES

Vaccinated participants	At least 1 dose (%)	... 2 doses (%)	... 3 doses (%)	... 4 doses (%)
5-17 years	92.0	84.2	8.5	1.4
18-64 years	99.5	99.4	95.7	65.6
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.4	90.7
Working with patients	99.5	99.5	98.6	78.8
Vaccinated overall	98.3	97.7	90.2	71.2

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