

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

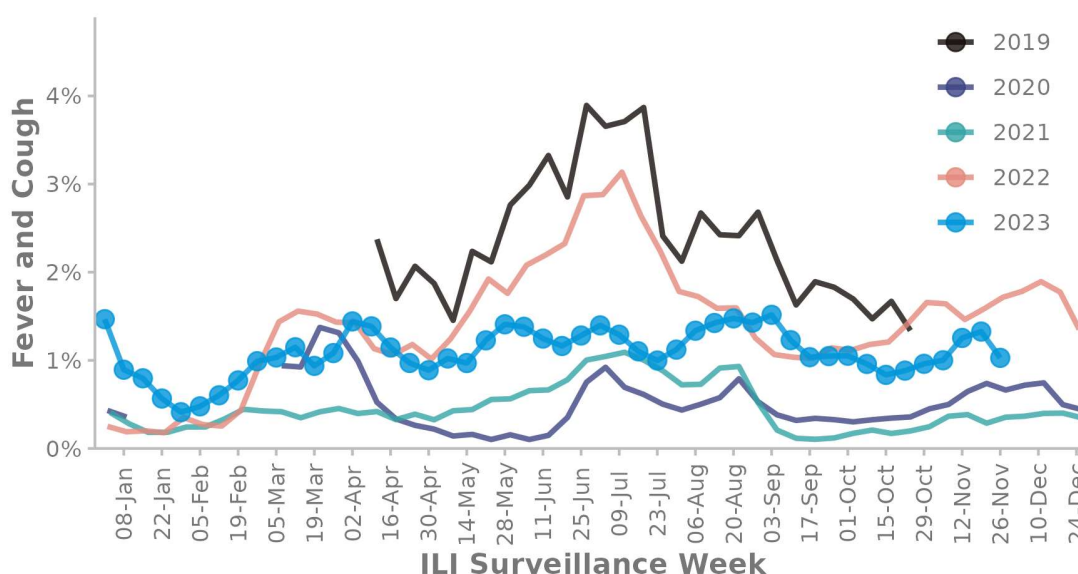
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Week Ending 26 November 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.8% 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 27 November 2023 01:01 AM and by 30 November 2023 08:30 am we had received 18,190 responses (19,643 last week) from 11,930 people responding for themselves and 6,260 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% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.8% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 4.7% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.3% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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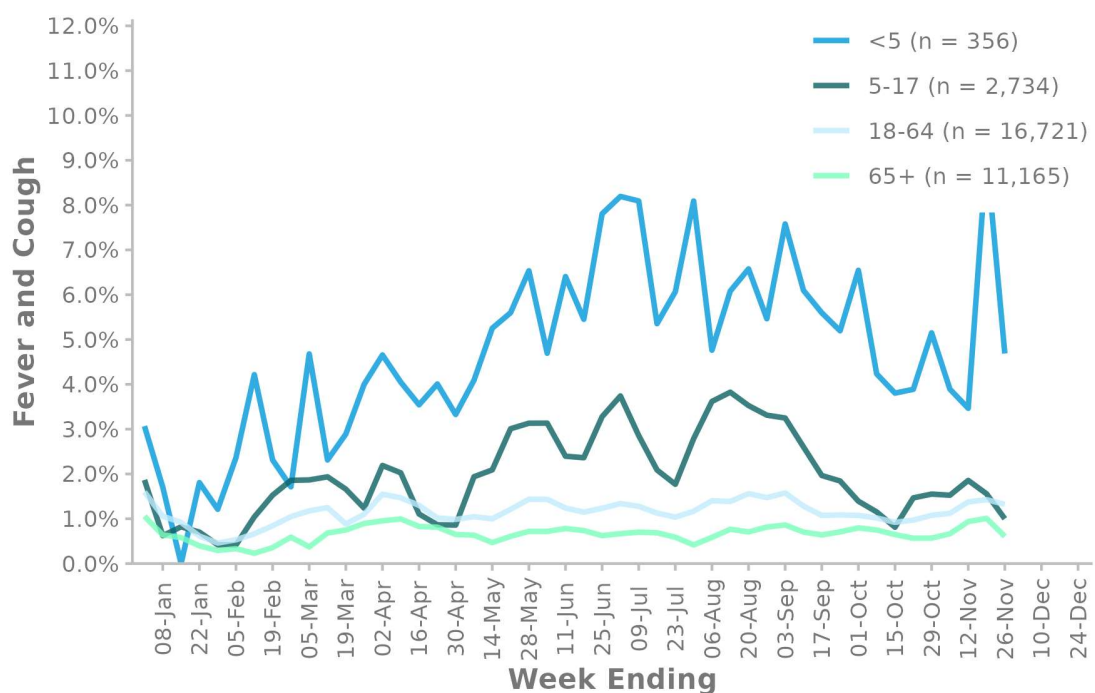
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	13,331	73.3%
South Island	4,859	26.7%
New Zealand	18,190	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	19 November 2023	26 November 2023
Tested for influenza	6 (2.3%)	2 (1.1%)
Result positive for influenza	1 (0.4%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	225 (87.2%)	151 (80.7%)
Result positive for COVID-19	110 (42.6%)	81 (43.3%)

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	83.9	8.8	1.7
18-64 years	99.5	99.4	95.8	66.2
65 + years	99.7	99.7	98.5	90.5
Working with patients	99.5	99.4	98.9	79.0
Vaccinated overall	98.3	97.8	90.5	71.6

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