

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

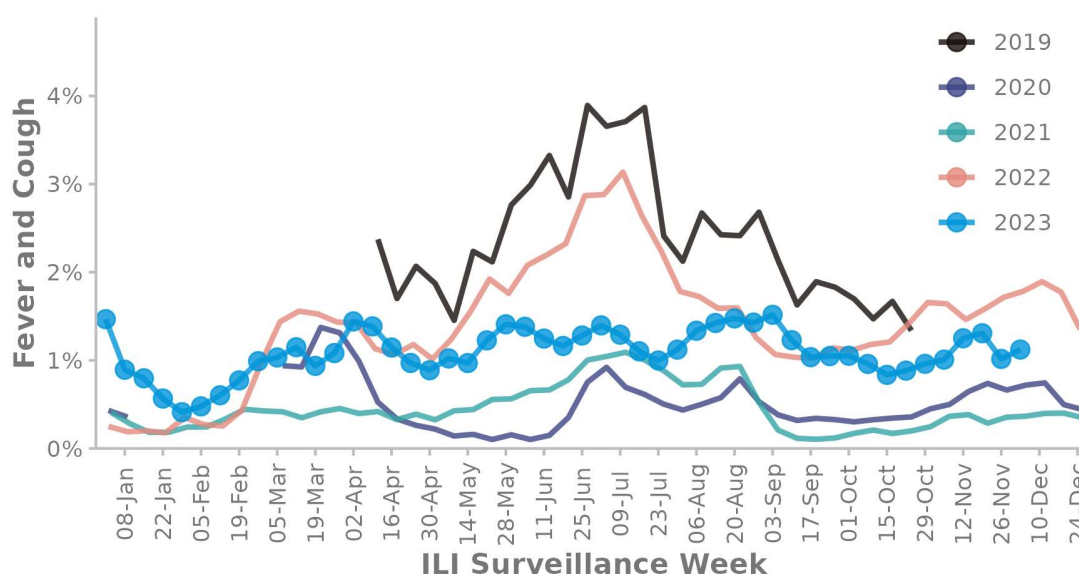
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Week Ending 03 December 2023

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 04 December 2023 01:01 AM and by 07 December 2023 08:30 am we had received 17,110 responses (18,190 last week) from 11,292 people responding for themselves and 5,818 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 1.1% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.8% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 5.3% of participants aged less than 5 years, 2% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.2% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.8% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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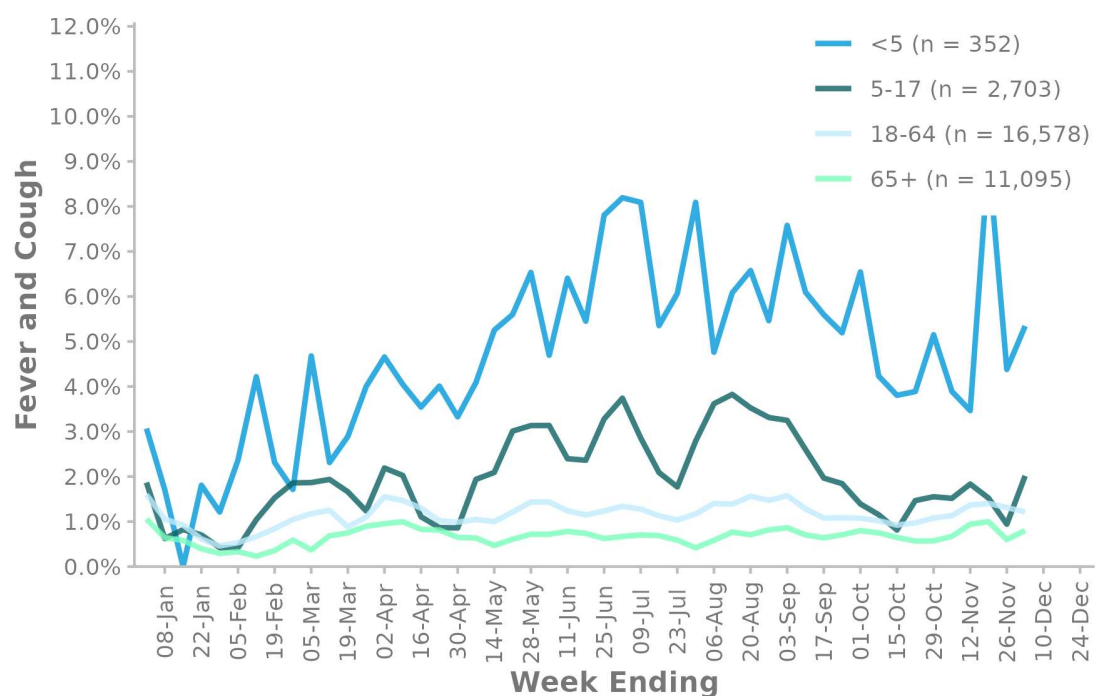
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	12,553	73.4%
South Island	4,557	26.6%
New Zealand	17,110	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	26 November 2023	03 December 2023
Tested for influenza	3 (1.6%)	2 (1%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	156 (83.4%)	162 (84.4%)
Result positive for COVID-19	86 (46%)	96 (50%)

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	91.4	84.2	8.3	1.8
18-64 years	99.5	99.5	96.0	66.7
65 + years	99.7	99.7	98.5	90.9
Working with patients	99.6	99.6	98.8	79.8
Vaccinated overall	98.3	97.8	90.7	72.3

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