

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

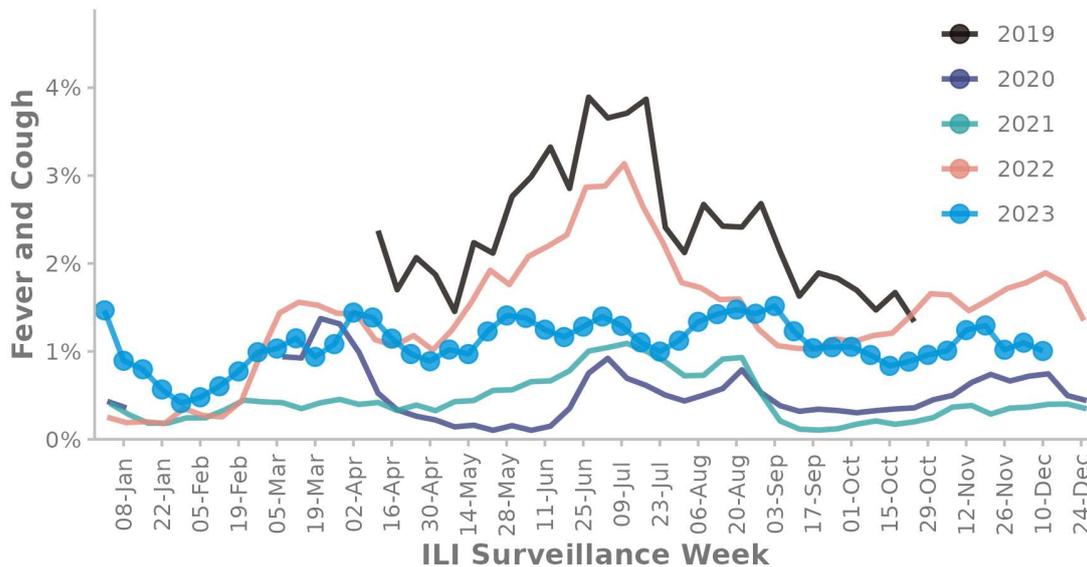
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Week Ending 10 December 2023

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 11 December 2023 01:01 AM and by 14 December 2023 08:30 am we had received 16,334 responses (17,120 last week) from 10,807 people responding for themselves and 5,527 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 0.7% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 4.9% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.2% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.8% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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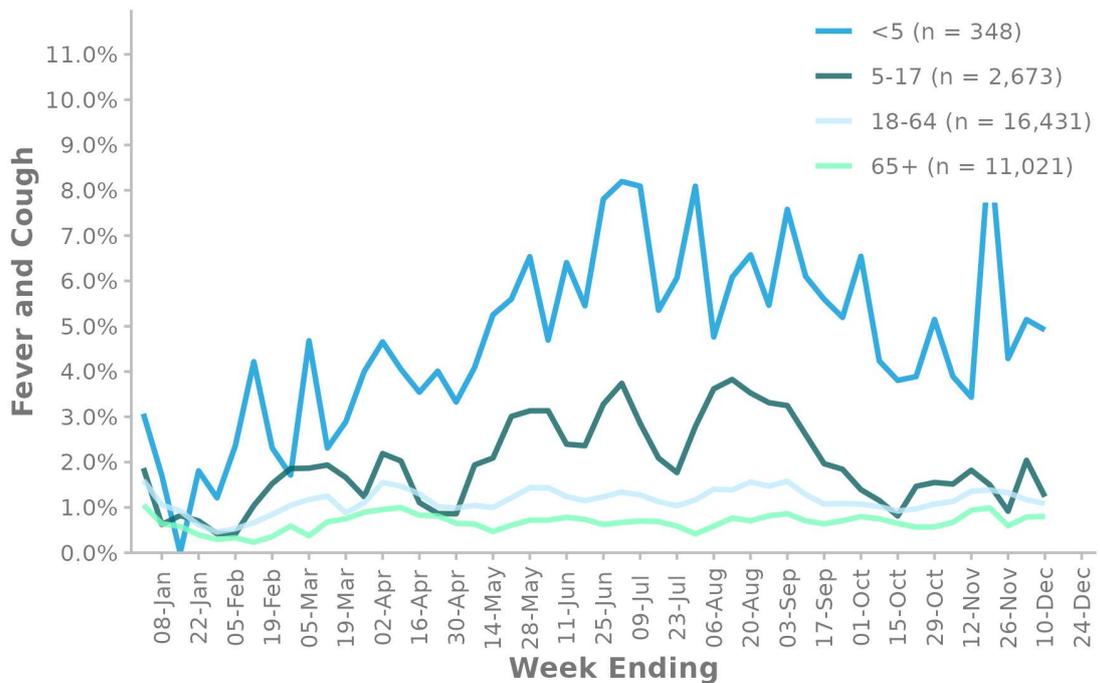
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	11,922	73%
South Island	4,412	27%
New Zealand	16,334	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	03 December 2023	10 December 2023
Tested for influenza	2 (1%)	3 (1.8%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	163 (84.9%)	141 (86%)
Result positive for COVID-19	97 (50.5%)	90 (54.9%)

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	91.0	83.5	7.6	1.3
18-64 years	99.5	99.5	95.7	67.2
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.4	91.0
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	98.8	80.2
Vaccinated overall	98.3	97.8	90.4	72.6

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