

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

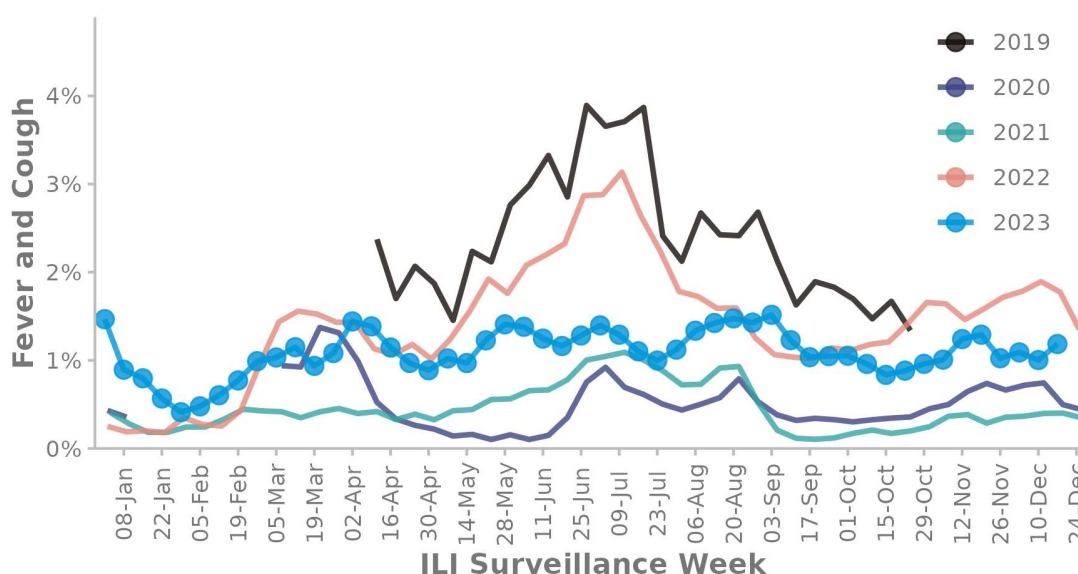
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Week Ending 17 December 2023

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 18 December 2023 01:01 AM and by 21 December 2023 08:30 am we had received 15,612 responses (16,336 last week) from 10,357 people responding for themselves and 5,255 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 0.8% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 4.4% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.4% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.4% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.9% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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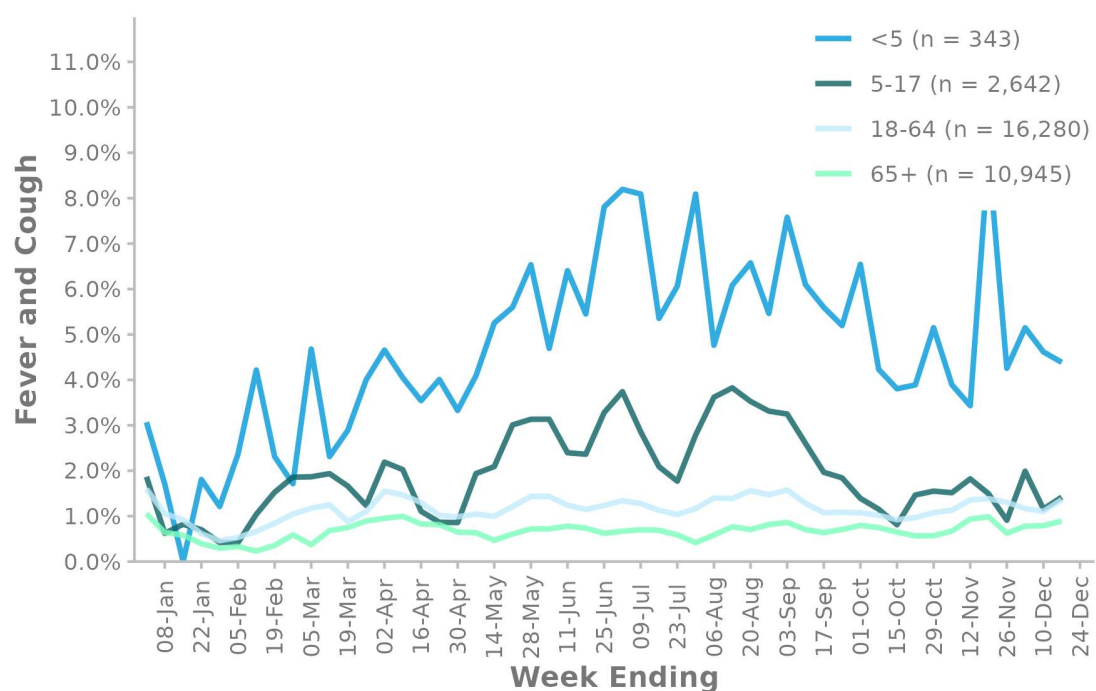
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	11,430	73.2%
South Island	4,182	26.8%
New Zealand	15,612	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	10 December 2023	17 December 2023
Tested for influenza	3 (1.8%)	6 (3.2%)
Result positive for influenza	0 (0%)	1 (0.5%)
Tested for COVID-19	143 (87.2%)	154 (83.2%)
Result positive for COVID-19	91 (55.5%)	98 (53%)

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	91.3	83.9	8.8	1.7
18-64 years	99.5	99.5	95.7	67.2
65 + years	99.7	99.6	98.5	91.3
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	98.7	80.0
Vaccinated overall	98.4	97.8	90.7	73.0

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