

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

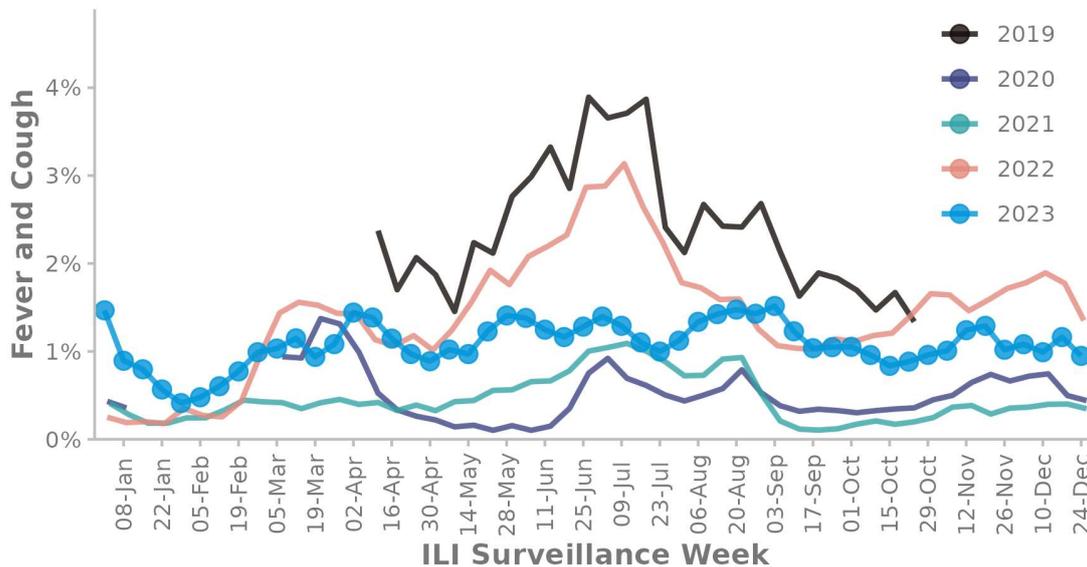
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Week Ending 24 December 2023

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.5% 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 25 December 2023 01:01 AM and by 28 December 2023 08:30 am we had received 13,701 responses (15,613 last week) from 9,185 people responding for themselves and 4,516 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 0.9% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.5% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 3.1% of participants aged less than 5 years, 0.3% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.3% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.7% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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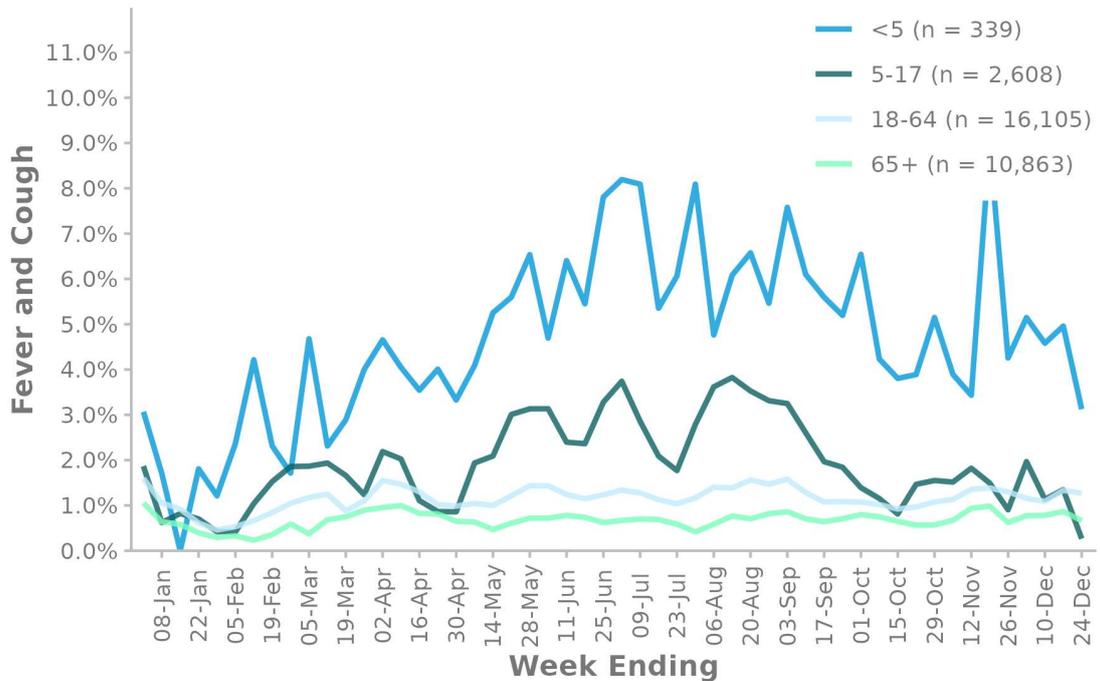
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	10,029	73.2%
South Island	3,672	26.8%
New Zealand	13,701	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	17 December 2023	24 December 2023
Tested for influenza	6 (3.2%)	3 (2.3%)
Result positive for influenza	1 (0.5%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	159 (85.9%)	100 (76.9%)
Result positive for COVID-19	102 (55.1%)	61 (46.9%)

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	90.9	84.5	7.3	1.5
18-64 years	99.5	99.4	96.0	69.5
65 + years	99.7	99.7	98.5	91.7
Working with patients	99.6	99.5	98.6	82.4
Vaccinated overall	98.4	98.0	91.6	75.5

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