

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

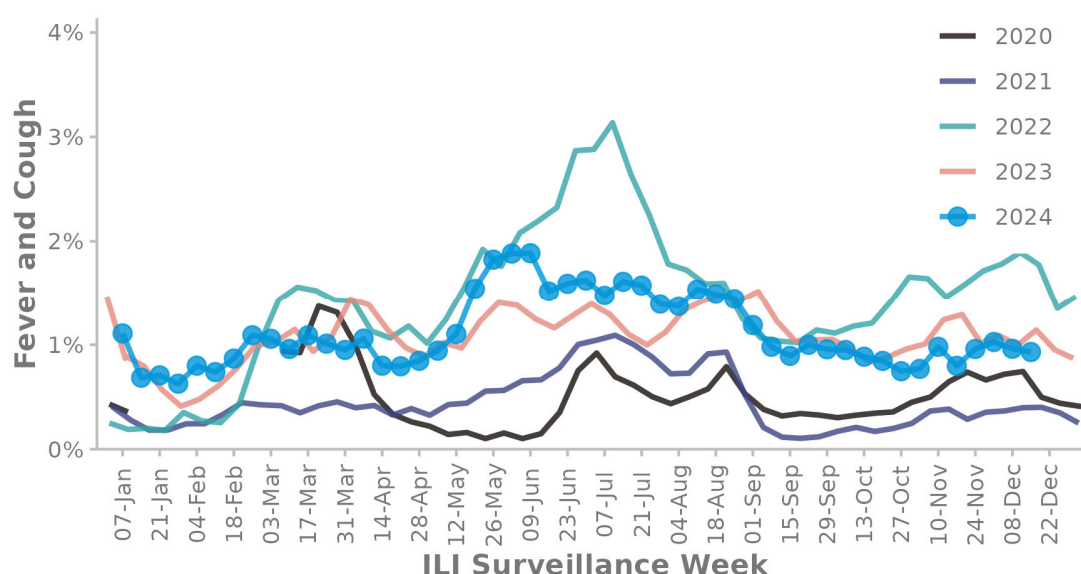
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Week Ending 15 December 2024

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.6% 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 16 December 2024 01:01 AM and by 19 December 2024 08:30 am we had received 15,360 responses (16,214 last week) from 10,504 people responding for themselves and 4,856 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 0.6% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 2.6% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.4% of participants aged 5-17 years, 1.1% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.7% of participants aged 65 years or older.

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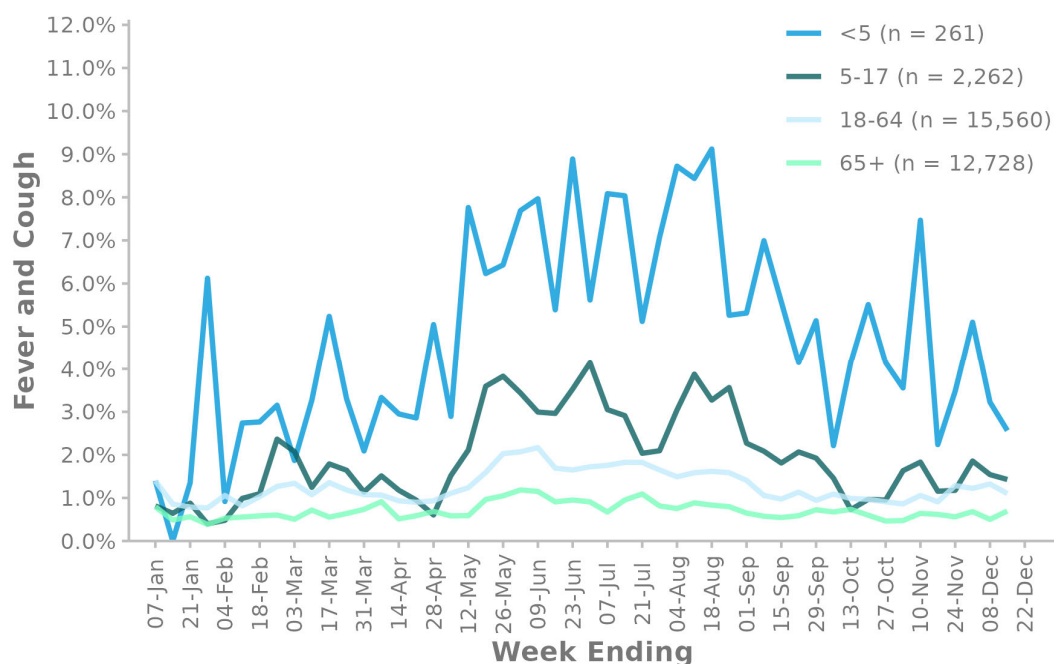
TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	11,193	72.9%
South Island	4,167	27.1%
New Zealand	15,360	100%

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

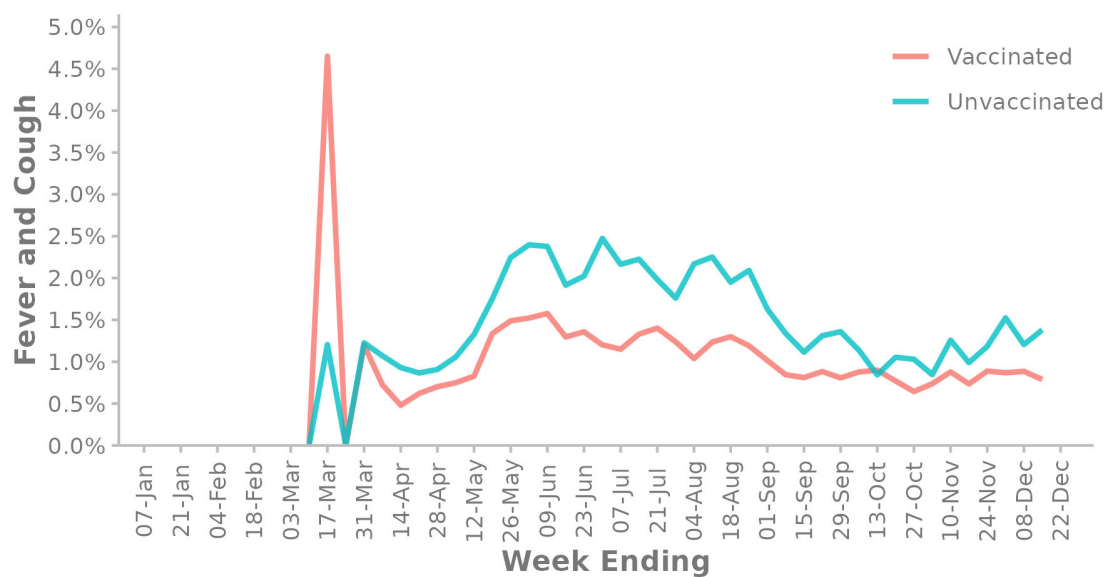
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(% of fever and cough)	08 December 2024	15 December 2024
Tested for influenza	5 (3.2%)	7 (4.9%)
Result positive for influenza	1 (0.6%)	1 (0.7%)
Tested for COVID-19	110 (69.6%)	98 (68.5%)
Result positive for COVID-19	55 (34.8%)	45 (31.5%)

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



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