

Weekly Interim Report New Zealand

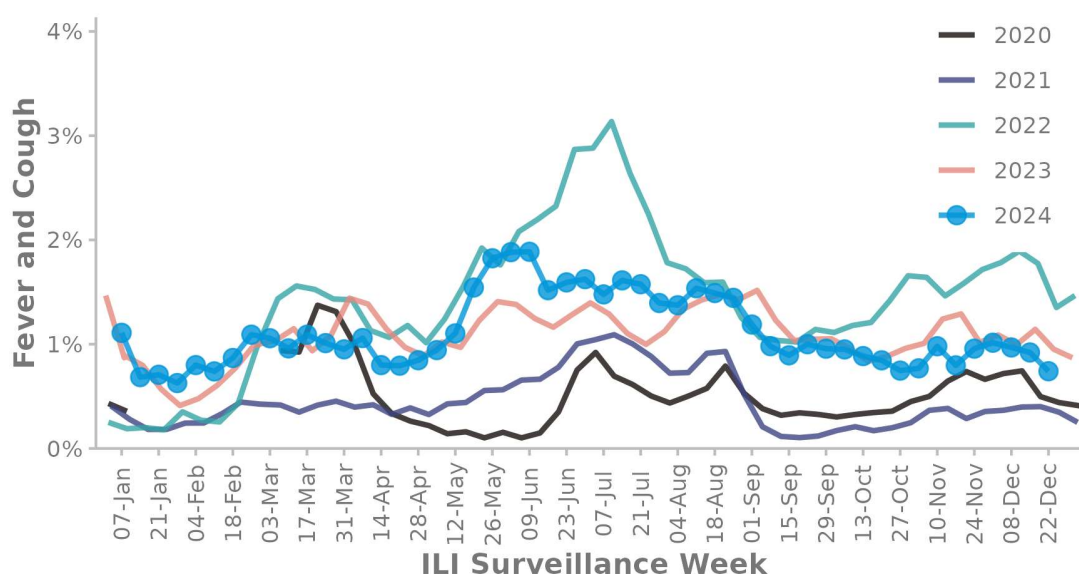
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Week Ending 22 December 2024

Low levels of respiratory illness activity. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.4% 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 23 December 2024 01:01 AM and by 26 December 2024 08:30 am we had received 14,177 responses (15,364 last week) from 9,774 people responding for themselves and 4,403 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 2025.

Across New Zealand, fever AND cough was reported by 0.7% of participants. Fever, cough and absence from normal duties was reported by 0.4% participants. fever AND cough was reported by 3.1% of participants aged less than 5 years, 1.2% of participants aged 5-17 years, 0.8% of participants aged 18-64 years, and 0.6% of participants aged 65 years or older.

The data presented here should not be treated as authoritative and should always be interpreted together with other trusted sources from the [New Zealand Influenza Intelligence Report](#)

TABLE 1. RESPONDENT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Respondents	Percentage
North Island	10,326	72.8%
South Island	3,851	27.2%
New Zealand	14,177	100%

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

(% of fever and cough)	Week Ending	
	15 December 2024	22 December 2024
Tested for influenza	8 (5.6%)	6 (5.7%)
Result positive for influenza	1 (0.7%)	0 (0%)
Tested for COVID-19	106 (74.1%)	81 (77.1%)
Result positive for COVID-19	47 (32.9%)	46 (43.8%)

FIGURE 2. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY AGE GROUP

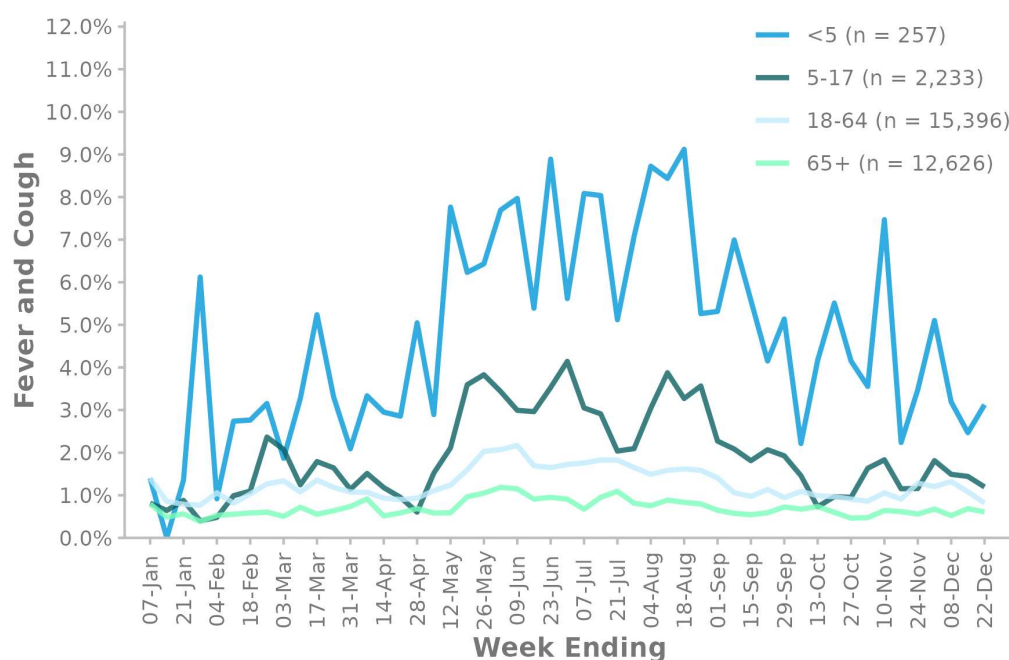


FIGURE 3. FLUTRACKING FEVER AND COUGH SYMPTOMS BY INFLUENZA VACCINATION STATUS



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