

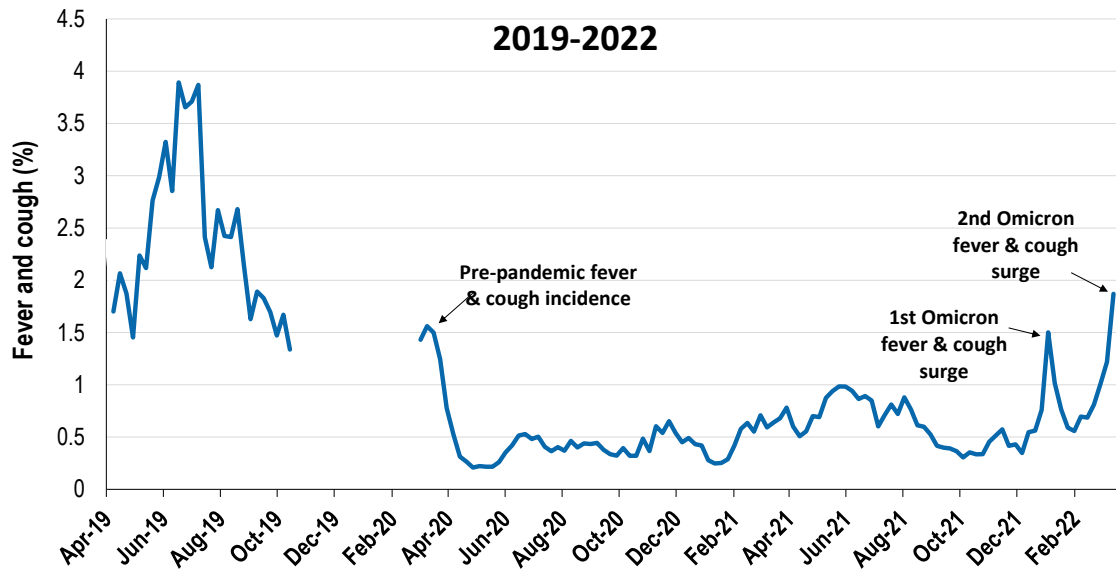
**Respiratory illness levels are low, but increasing in school aged children (5-17 yrs)**

**53,751 participants this week**

**Respiratory illness activity\*:**

\*Respiratory illness activity is defined as fever & cough for this report

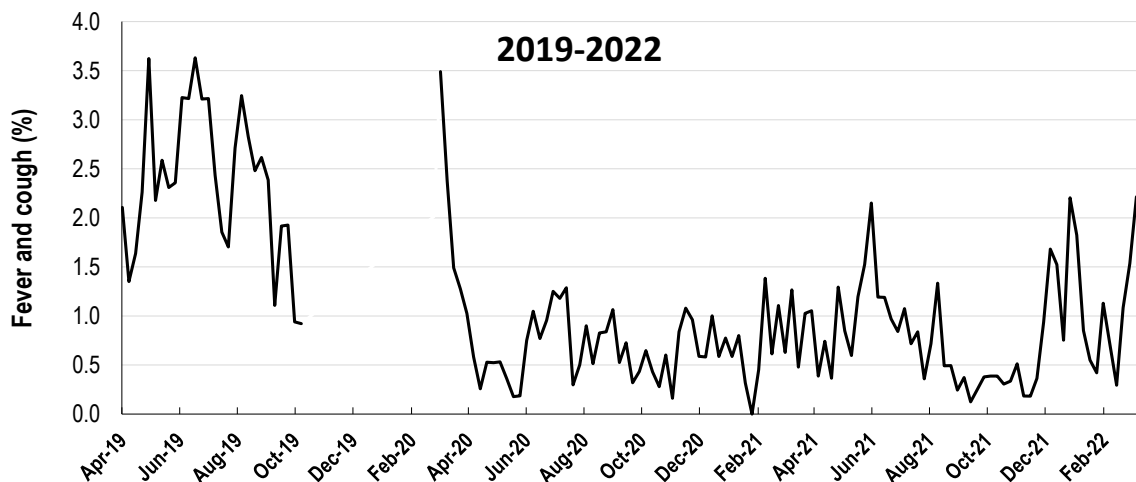
**1.9% this week: respiratory illness activity is low**



^ Data are age standardised in this chart

**Respiratory illness activity among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants**

**2.2% this week: respiratory illness activity is low**

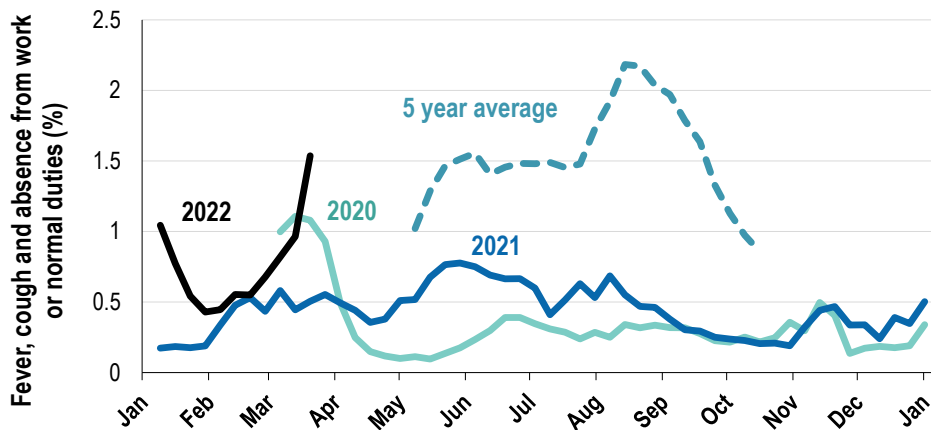


\*Average Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participants = 683

<b>Respiratory illness severity:</b> <i>39.3% of participants with fever and cough sought medical advice this week</i>		
Respiratory illness Severity	Week ending 20 March 2022 number (%)	Week ending 13 March 2022 number (%)
<b>Number of participants</b>	53751 (100%)	51513 (100%)
Fever & cough	695 (1.3%)	414 (0.8%)
Fever, cough & time-off normal duties	552 (1%)	332 (0.6%)
Fever, cough & 3 or more days off work/normal duties	552 (1%)	332 (0.6%)
<b>Number of participants with fever and cough</b>	695 (100%)	414 (100%)
*Sought medical advice for fever and cough	273 (39.3%)	184 (44.4%)
Admitted to hospital	2 (0.3%)	6 (1.4%)
Tested for influenza	14 (2%)	14 (3.4%)
Tested, result positive for influenza	2 (0.3%)	3 (0.7%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR	280 (40.3%)	187 (45.2%)
Tested for COVID-19 by PCR, result positive	153 (22%)	95 (22.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT	611 (87.9%)	364 (87.9%)
Tested for COVID-19 by RAT, result positive	310 (44.6%)	169 (40.8%)

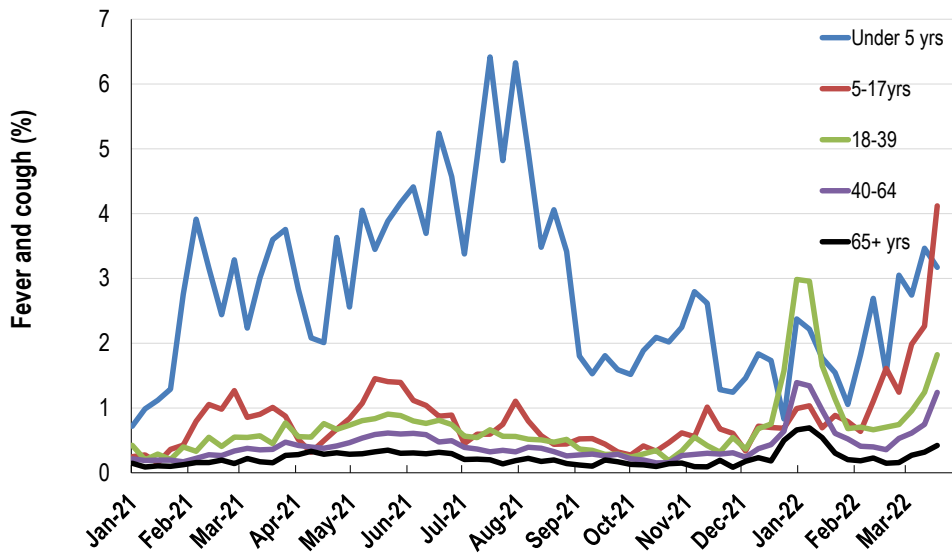
\*Includes those who sought medical advice from a general practitioner, COVID-19 clinic, emergency department, or were admitted to hospital for fever & cough

**Fever, cough and absence from work or normal duties (Australia):**

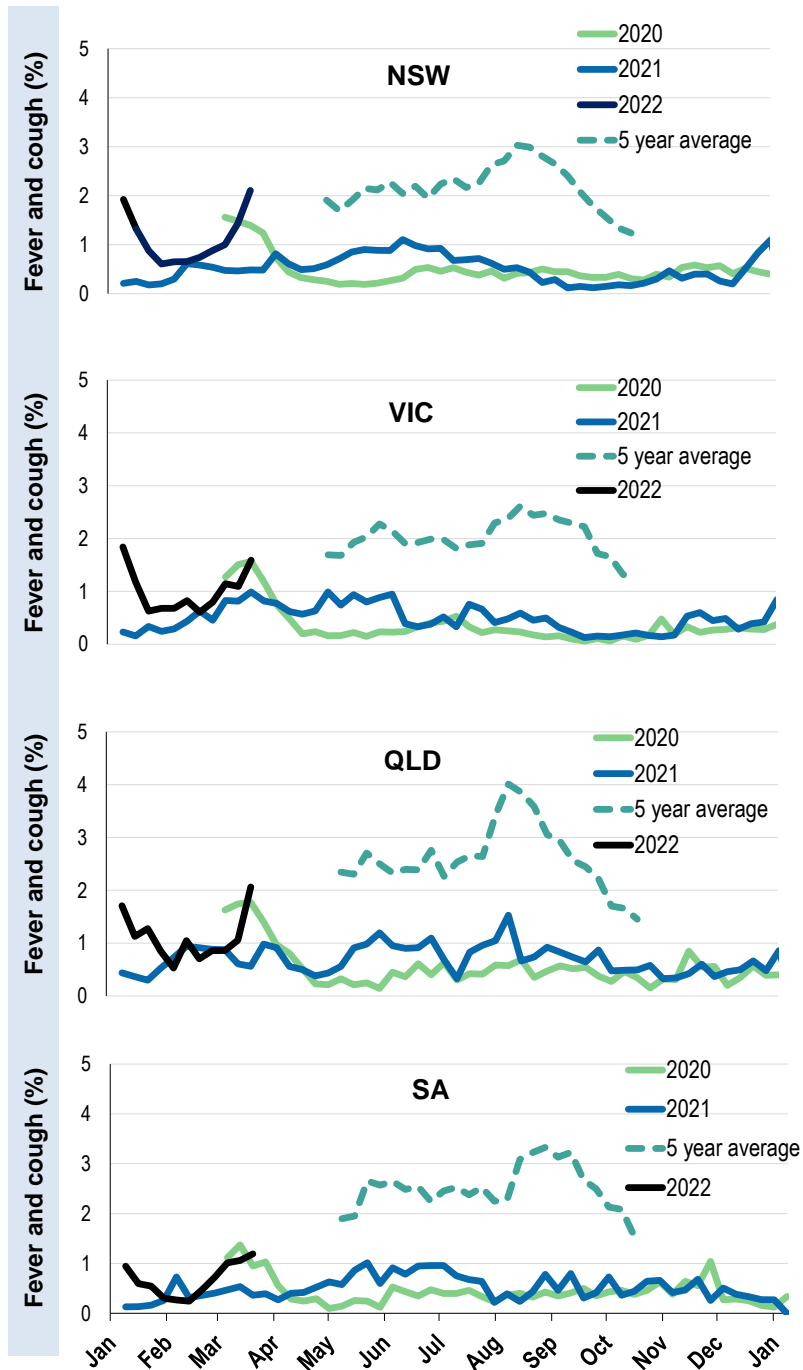


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**Respiratory illness activity by age group in 2021 and 2022 (Australia):**

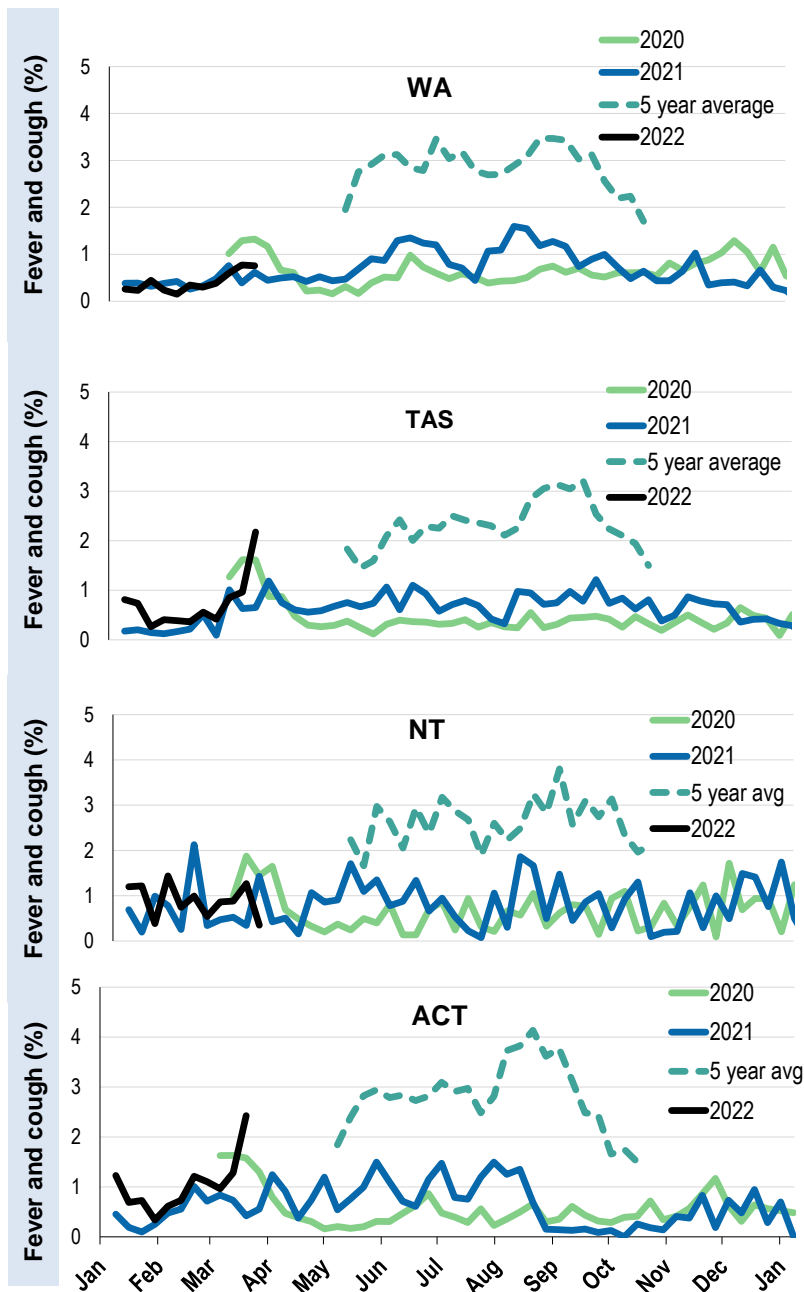


**Respiratory illness activity by state/territory (age standardised):**



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**Participation:**

**53,751 participants (51,513 last week)**

State	Participants	%	Rate/100,000 population
NSW	18691	34.8%	<b>236.7</b>
VIC	10683	19.9%	<b>168.0</b>
QLD	6652	12.4%	<b>134.4</b>
SA	4760	8.9%	<b>275.6</b>
WA	5489	10.2%	<b>212.2</b>
TAS	3496	6.5%	<b>669.7</b>
NT	867	1.6%	<b>352.3</b>
ACT	3113	5.8%	<b>754.5</b>
AUS	53751	100.0%	<b>217.6</b>

**Vaccination rates:**

Vaccinated participants:	COVID-19 vaccine		
	At least 1 dose (%)	At least 2 doses (%)	3 doses (%)
<5 years			
5-11 years	87.1	45.6	0.1
12-17 years	98.2	95.5	19.5
18-64 years	99.3	99.0	90.9
65+ years	99.5	99.3	96.6
Working with patients	99.5	99.3	95.4
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	93.2	89.5	65.5
<b>Vaccinated overall (%)</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>85.1</b>

\*Influenza vaccination data is excluded until the 2022 influenza vaccine is released in Australia