

FluTracking Annual Report – Hong Kong

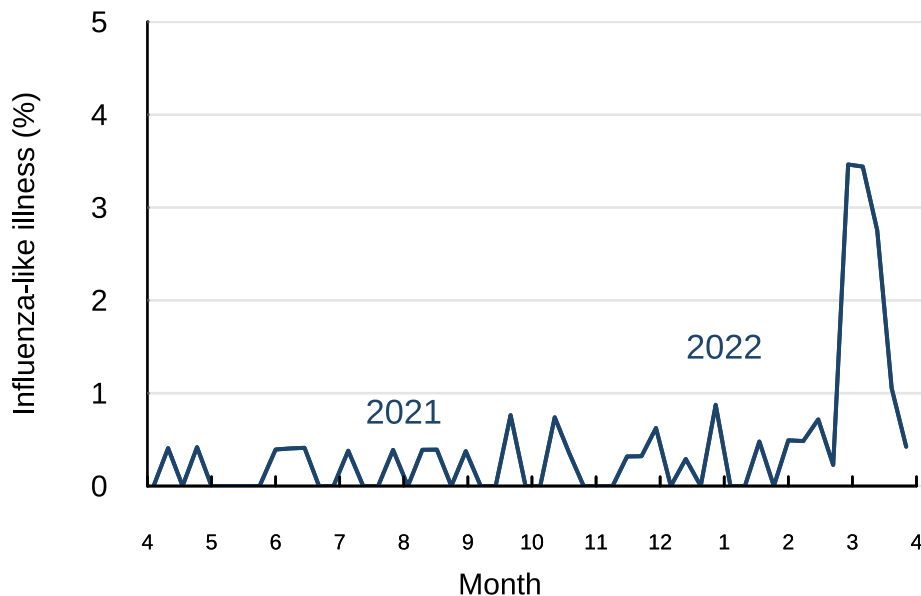
(April 2021 – March 2022)

(This report may not provide a representative picture of Hong Kong due to low participant numbers in the early phase. Interpret these findings cautiously)

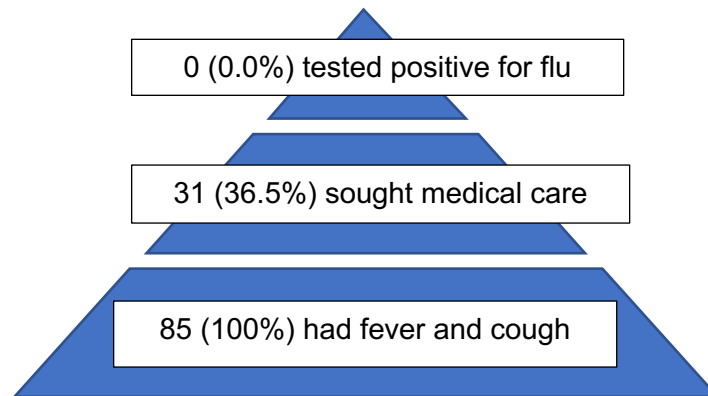
Influenza-like illness activity

Due to the control measures against the COVID-19 pandemic, influenza virus activity is historically lower than observed in the past decades.¹

We received 16,308 completed surveys from April 2021 to March 2022. The average influenza-like illness rate, as measured by self-reported fever and cough, was 0.5%, which started to increase since February 2022 and peaked in March during the fifth wave of COVID-19. Please note that fever and cough are common symptoms of COVID-19 and flu.



Among FluTracking participants who reported having fever and cough, 36.5% sought medical care², and none of them reported positive test result for flu.

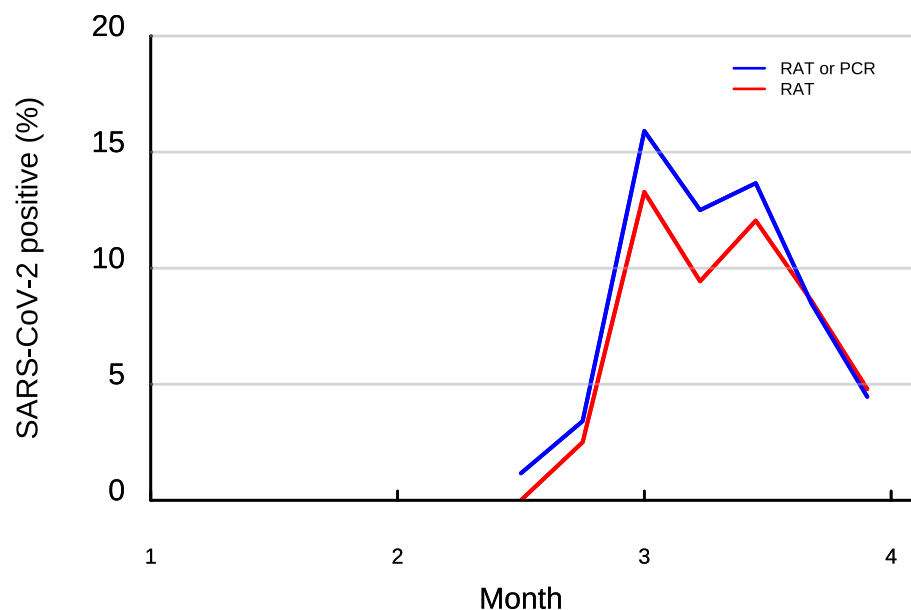


¹Flu Express, Centre for Health Protection. Please refer to: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/resources/29/304.html>

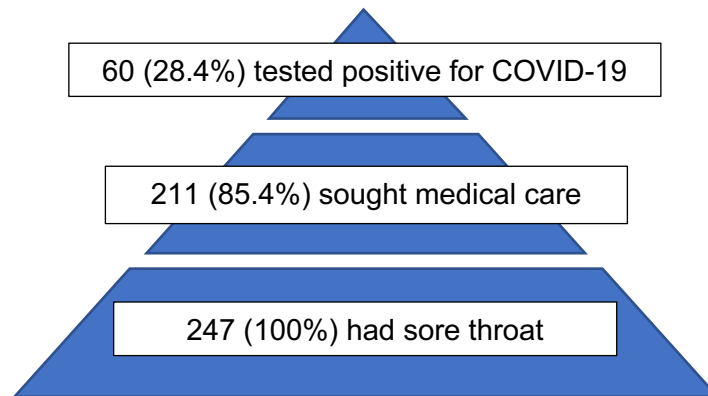
²Including hospital admission, visits to emergency department, general practitioner, Chinese Medicine practitioner, COVID-19 testing center or other medical professionals.

Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 activity

The fifth wave of COVID-19 began in early 2022. By using the positive rate of COVID-19 tests, FluTracking keep track of the SARS-CoV-2 activity in the community. The positive rate peaked in early March.



Among FluTracking participants who reported having sore throat, 85.4% sought medical care², and 28.4% reported positive test result for COVID-19.



Vaccination Rate (April 2021 – March 2022)

Age (years)	COVID-19 (%)			Influenza (%)
	At least 1 dose	At least 2 doses	3 doses	
<5	27.3	9.1	-	63.6
5-17	76.0	42.0	10.0	54.0
18-40	92.6	82.9	36.3	32.5
41-64	92.9	86.2	61.6	42.0
≥65	82.8	79.3	51.7	67.2
Total	89.5	79.8	42.7	39.8

Participant demographic information (Until 31 March 2022)

Participant Gender

Gender	Number	%
Male	314	38.1
Female	511	61.9
Total	825	100.0

Participant Age

Age group	Number	%
<5	15	1.8
5-17	50	6.1
18-40	440	53.3
41-64	252	30.5
≥65	68	8.2
Total	825	100.0

Participant Residential District

Region	Number	%
Hong Kong Island	310	37.6
Kowloon	211	25.6
New Territories	304	36.8
Total	825	100.0

Participant Educational Attainment

Education level	Number	%
Primary	29	3.5
Secondary	148	17.9
Post-secondary	596	72.2
Not answered	52	6.3
Total	825	100.0