



Facts and figures *flu in the Netherlands*

Winter 2019/2020

RIVM conducts research on influenza and vaccination in the Netherlands. Using the data collected, RIVM gives insight into the key facts and figures on flu and the flu vaccine.



The flu epidemic lasted

5 WEEKS



74,000

general practitioner consultations for flu-like symptoms during the epidemic.



VACCINE

A new flu vaccine is developed every year because flu viruses are constantly changing.

EFFECTIVENESS

The 2019 flu vaccine was moderate effective against the flu strain that most circulated this winter.



±400,000 PATIENTS

had symptomatic influenza in the period between the beginning of October until the end of May.



600

more people than expected died during the epidemic period. These extra deaths were probably associated with the flu epidemic.

38°C



FLU VACCINE

About half of the people who were eligible to receive a flu vaccination were vaccinated against flu.

