



Flu in winter 2014/2015 in the Netherlands

Facts and figures

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 21 weeks, and was the longest flu epidemic **EVER RECORDED** in the Netherlands.



1.9 MILLION PEOPLE reported having flu-like symptoms on www.influenza.net.eu.



370,000 general practitioner consultations for flu-like symptoms.



±10,000 HOSPITALISATIONS
Many people were admitted to hospital with flu complications, such as pneumonia.

38°C

VACCINE

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



FLU VACCINE

The majority of people over 60 and those with a chronic medical condition were vaccinated against flu.



EFFECTIVENESS

The 2014 flu vaccine was less effective against the most prevalent flu strain at that time.



8,600

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

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More information

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