



Facts and figures *flu in the Netherlands*

Winter 2018/2019

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.



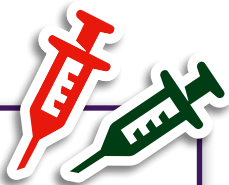
The flu epidemic lasted

14 WEEKS



165,000

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.

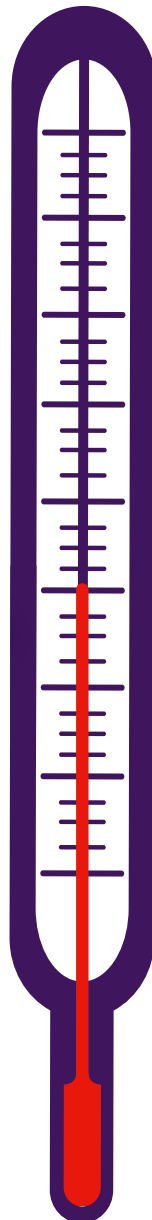
EFFECTIVENESS

The 2018 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.



38°C



**±11,000
HOSPITALISATIONS**

Many people were admitted to
hospital with flu complications,
such as pneumonia.



FLU VACCINE

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



2,900

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