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.

- **5 weeks** The flu epidemic lasted 5 WEEKS.
- **±400,000 patients** had symptomatic influenza in the period between the beginning of October until the end of May.
- **74,000** general practitioner consultations for flu-like symptoms during the epidemic.
- **600** more people than expected died during the epidemic period. These extra deaths were probably associated with the flu epidemic.
- **38°C**
- **VACCINE** A new flu vaccine is developed every year because flu viruses are constantly changing.
- **FLU VACCINE** About half of the people who were eligible to receive a flu vaccination were vaccinated against flu.
- **EFFECTIVENESS** The 2019 flu vaccine was moderate effective against the flu strain that most circulated this winter.

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