

# Flu vaccine more effective this year; milder season so far

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Credit: National Cancer Institute

The flu vaccine is doing a better job this year.

Preliminary data suggest it is 59 percent effective. That's a big improvement from last winter's nasty flu season when the vaccine was less than 20 percent effective.

Unlike last year's vaccine, this year's is a good match to the strains making people sick.

It's been a milder flu season so far, though [health officials](#) said it has not yet peaked.

The numbers were presented Wednesday at a medical meeting in Atlanta.

**More information:** Vaccine meeting:  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html)

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