number of worldwide annual deaths associated with flu	250,000 to 500,000
typical number of flu strains in circulation each year	3
number of hours a flu virus can survive up to on a hard surface	24
incubation period in days (the time from exposure to symptoms)	2 to 3
number killed worldwide by the "Spanish Flu" in 1918-1919	40,000,000
approximate size of a flu virus in centimetres	0.0000001
estimated annual cost ($) of flu to the US economy	10,000,000,000,000