Mayo Clinic Minute

3 tips to prevent the flu

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When it comes to the flu, the best way to

Staying home so you don't infect others is

No. 2. No. 3 is, if you get sick, see your health care provider within 48 hours of

"Because the faster that you can see the

doctor, the faster you can be treated."
But the best way to protect yourself is to

get a flu vaccine. For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Vivien Williams.

symptoms starting.

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	protect yourself is to get a flu shot.
Vandana Bhide, M.D.	"You do have to get it every single year."
Vivien Williams	Mayo Clinic Dr. Vandana Bhide says flu shots are very effective, but
Vandana Bhide, M.D.	"No vaccine is 100 percent."
Vivien Williams	There's always a small chance you could still get sick. So, in addition to getting the vaccine, Dr. Bhide has three tips to help prevent the flu. No. 1: hand-washing
Vandana Bhide, M.D. Pediatrics Mayo Clinic	" Frequent hand-washing to prevent viral infections. And if you do have any kind of infection, whether it's influenza or some other upper respiratory infection,
_	stay home."