

Is It the Seasonal Flu?

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SYMPTOMS	COVID-19*	COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES
Fever	Common (measured at 100°F or higher)	Rare	High (100° – 102°F), can last 3 – 4 days	Rare
Headache	Sometimes	Rare	Intense	Sometimes
General aches, pains	Sometimes	Slight	Common (often severe)	Rare
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Slight	Common (often severe)	Sometimes
Extreme exhaustion	Sometimes (progresses slowly)	Rare	Common (starts early)	Rare
Stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Rare	Common	Common	Sometimes
Cough	Common	Mild to moderate	Common (can become severe)	Sometimes
Shortness of breath	In more serious infections	Rare	Rare	Common
Runny nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Diarrhea	Sometimes	Rare	Sometimes**	Rare

If viewing this chart on your phone, scroll to the left to see all symptoms.

*COVID-19 information is still evolving.

**This symptom is specific to children.

Sources: CDC, WHO, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.