

Coronavirus (COVID-19), cold and flu:

How can you tell the difference?*



SYMPTOMS	CORONAVIRUS <i>(Symptoms range from mild to severe)</i>	COLD <i>(Gradual onset of symptoms)</i>	FLU <i>(Abrupt onset of symptoms)</i>
FEVER	Common	Rare	Common
FATIGUE	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
COUGH	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
SNEEZING	No	Common	No
ACHES & PAINS	Sometimes	Common	Common
RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE	Rare	Common	Sometimes
SORE THROAT	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
DIARRHEA	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
HEADACHES	Sometimes	Rare	Common
SHORTNESS OF BREATH	Sometimes	No	No

*Sources: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, World Health Organization

