

KIDS AND COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS, COLD OR FLU?

As the number of COVID-19 cases rise, some key differences set COVID-19 apart from the seasonal flu and the common cold – mainly the intensity of the symptoms and the recovery period. All three, however, are spread by air-borne respiratory droplets and contaminated surfaces. **Regular handwashing with soap or use of hand sanitizers is the best way to prevent spread of viral infections.**

COMMON COLD

ONSET: **GRADUAL**

SYMPTOMS

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sneezing
- Sore throat

LESS COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Low grade fever
- Muscle or body ache
- Headache

SEASONAL FLU

ONSET: **ABRUPT**

SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Muscle ache
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose

LESS COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting

COVID-19

ONSET: **SUDDEN**

SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Muscle ache
- Fatigue

LESS COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Sneezing
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea



FEVER, HEADACHE



DRY COUGH



MUSCLE ACHE, FATIGUE

WHAT THIS MEANS

If your child is sneezing, has a sore throat and diarrhea, your child likely DOES NOT have coronavirus.

INCUBATION:
2-3 days

COMPLICATIONS:
Extremely rare

RECOVERY:
1 week
most cases; may last as long as 10 days

TREATMENT OR VACCINE:
No vaccine, but doctors advise treating symptoms

INCUBATION:
1-4 days

COMPLICATIONS:
1% cases
(including pneumonia)

RECOVERY:
1 week
(mild cases); 2 weeks (severe cases)

TREATMENT OR VACCINE:
Annual seasonal flu vaccine is available

INCUBATION:
1-14 days
may go up to 24 days

COMPLICATIONS:
5% cases
(acute pneumonia, respiratory failure, septic shock, multiple organ failure)

RECOVERY:
2 weeks
(mild cases); 2-6 weeks (severe cases)

TREATMENT OR VACCINE:
No vaccines or anti-viral drugs available; symptoms can be treated

Vulnerable pediatric populations: Children with diabetes, asthma, cancer, or any chronic respiratory disease.



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