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Symptoms of Coronavirus

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What you need to know

- Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms.
- **Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions** like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Watch for symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

This list is not all possible symptoms. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.



Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care.

When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention

Look for **emergency warning signs*** for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

Get Email Updates

To receive email updates about COVID-19, enter your email address:

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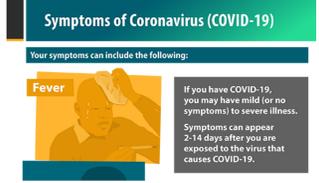
Caring for yourself or others

- [How to protect yourself](#)
- [How to care for someone who is sick](#)
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Digital Resources



Stop the Spread of Germs (PDF)
Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, like coronavirus disease 2019.



Symptoms of COVID-19 (PDF)
Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.



Symptoms of COVID-19 (Video)
Symptoms can include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

More Information

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