

Common Respiratory Illnesses

		COVID-19	Influenza	Pertussis	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
Symptoms	 High fever 102°-104°F or 39°-40°C, typically lasting 3-4 days	✓	✓	✗	✓
	 Chills	✓	✓	✗	✗
	 Headache	✓	✓	✗	✗
	 Muscle aches; chest discomfort	✓	✓	✗	✗
	 Fatigue and weakness	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 Stuffy or runny nose	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 Sneezing	✗	✗	✓	✓
	 Sore throat	✓	✓	✗	✓
 Other symptoms  		Vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste and smell	Vomiting, diarrhea (more common in children)	A pause in breathing in infants, coughing fits that lead to vomiting	Wheezing, decrease in appetite
Cough	Type 	Non-productive (dry) and persistent	Non-productive (dry)	Fits and nocturnal cough, whooping may occur	Productive (wet), often with wheezing
	Duration	3-7 days, may last for weeks	3-7 days	6-12 weeks, sometimes months	3-7 days, may last for weeks
Other Information	Infectious Period 	2 days before symptom onset up to 10 days after	1 day before symptom onset and 3-4 days after with some contagious for slightly longer	From the start of the very first symptoms to 21 days after cough onset, or until taking 5 days of appropriate antibiotics	1-2 days before symptom onset for 3-8 days
	Incubation Period	2-14 days	1-4 days	4-21 days	4-6 days
	Vaccines Available 	COVID-19 vaccines, updated regularly	Annual seasonal influenza vaccine	DTaP and Tdap	Vaccines for adults ages 50+ and pregnant women. Immunizations for infants.

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