

DO YOU HAVE THE CORONAVIRUS, FLU, COLD OR ALLERGY?

Symptoms of the coronavirus (COVID-19) are variable for each patient. They could range from no symptoms to severe pneumonia and death. These were the symptoms recorded from the 55,924 laboratory-confirmed cases in China from the start of the outbreak to Feb. 22 and how they compare to the flu, cold and seasonal allergies:

SYMPTOMS	Coronavirus	Flu	Cold	Allergies
Symptoms onset	Gradual, may appear 2-14 days after exposure	Abrupt	Gradual	Abrupt when in presence of allergen
Fever	88%	Common. Lasts 3-4 days	Rare	Rare
Coughing	68% (dry cough)	Common (dry cough)	Common	Common
Fatigue	38%	Common	Sometimes	Rare
Cough up thick mucus	33%	Sometimes	Rare	Rare
Shortness of breath	19%	Rare	Rare	Rare
Sore throat	14%	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Headache	14%	Common	Rare	Rare
Muscle or joint pain	15%	Common. Can be severe	Slight	Rare
Chills	11%	Common	Rare	Rare
Nausea or vomiting	5%	Sometimes	Rare	Rare
Nasal congestion	5%	Common	Common	Common
Diarrhea	4%	Sometimes	Rare	Rare

Sources: World Health Organization, CDC and NBC

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