



# Respiratory illnesses:

## What are the symptoms?

As cooler weather moves in, respiratory illnesses do too—and this year, there’s a new virus in the mix. Learn what symptoms to watch out for and how to tell these common illnesses apart.

### Acute COVID-19

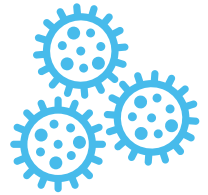
- Cough
- Brief episode of fever
- Shortness of breath
- Abdominal pain
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion



Learn more at [choa.org/covid19](https://choa.org/covid19)

### Flu

- Cough
- High fever
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, fatigue and vomiting
- Runny nose



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### RSV

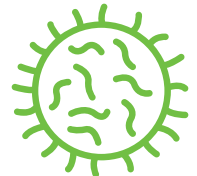
- Cough
- Fever
- Runny nose



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### Common cold

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Watery eyes
- Sneezing



If your child has symptoms of an illness, they should stay home from school or day care. If your child’s symptoms are concerning, call your child’s pediatrician. In the event of an emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department.



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