





# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COVID-19, FLU AND COLD SYMPTOMS

 <b>Symptoms</b>	 <b>COVID-19</b> Symptoms range from mild to severe	 <b>Flu</b> Abrupt onset of symptoms	 <b>Cold</b> Gradual onset of symptoms
Fever or chills	Common	Common	Rare
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common (usually dry)	Mild
Shortness of breath	Common	No	No
Lost or changed sense of smell or taste	Common	Rare	Rare
Fatigue	Common	Common	Sometimes
Aches and pains	Common	Common	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Runny or Stuffy Nose	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Feeling sick or vomiting	Rare	Sometimes	No
Diarrhoea	Rare	Sometimes in children	No
Sneezing	No	No	Common

Source: [www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/symptoms.html](http://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/symptoms.html)