

**VS**



Loss of taste and smell  
PLUS fever, cough,  
shortness of breath,  
fatigue, sore throat, runny  
or stuffy nose, body  
aches, headache.



**SYMPTOMS**



Fever, cough, shortness of  
breath, fatigue, sore throat,  
runny or stuffy nose, body  
aches, headache.

If a person has COVID-19, it could  
take them longer to develop  
symptoms than if they had flu.



**ONSET**

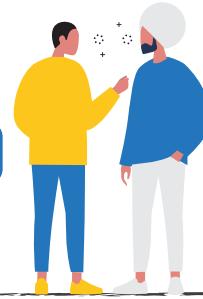


For both COVID-19 and flu,  
1+ days can pass between a  
person becoming infected  
and experiencing  
symptoms.

COVID-19 is more  
contagious among  
certain populations  
and age groups  
than flu.



**SPREAD**



Both COVID-19 and flu can  
spread from person to person,  
between people who are in  
close contact with one another  
(within 6 feet). Both are spread  
mainly by respiratory droplets  
when an infected person  
coughs, sneezes, or talks.

Both COVID-19 and flu illness  
can result in severe illness and  
complications. Those at  
highest risk include older  
adults, people with certain  
underlying medical conditions,  
and pregnant people.



**RISK**



The risk of  
complications for  
healthy children is  
higher for flu  
compared to  
COVID-19.



**TREATMENT**



Flu has an annual vaccine available to prevent the  
illness. Currently there is no vaccine to prevent  
COVID-19.

Flu has an antiviral drug that can reduce the severity  
and length of illness if prescribed within 48 hours of  
symptom onset.