

Cold vs. Allergies vs. COVID-19 vs. Flu



SYMPTOMS	COLD	ALLERGIES	COVID-19	FLU
Fever	Rare	No	Common	Common
Headache	Rare	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains	Common	No	Common	Common
Fatigue/Weakness	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy Nose	Common	Common	Rare	Sometimes
Sneezing	Common	Common	Rare	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	No	Rare	Common
Cough	Common	Sometimes	Common	Common
Shortness of breath	In severe cases	Common	Common	In severe cases
Runny nose	Common	Common	Rare	Sometimes
Diarrhea	No	No	Sometimes	Sometimes
Treatment / Medication	Over-the counter cough and cold medicines	Antihistimines/ Decongestants Nasal Sprays	Over-the-counter medicines to treat symptoms only	Prescription antiviral drugs to treat symptoms only. Vaccine available.

Sources: CDC, John Hopkins Medicine